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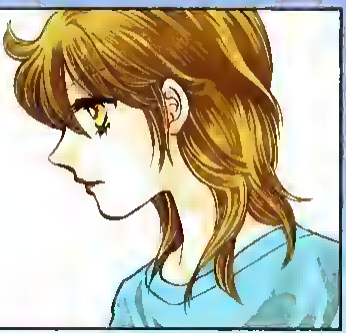
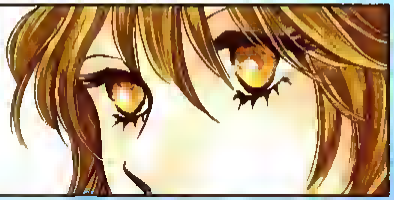
Whenever there is a plane accident, people try to recover its blackbox in order to find out what went wrong.



"Blackbox" is orange ...

Sometimes ...



Looking at [illegible] for [illegible] insecure about what is happening around the world,

And whenever I [illegible] that there is something wrong with me,

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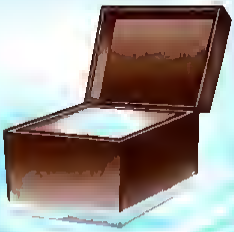
I feel that whatever problems I have could be resolved if I could just find the blackbox of my heart and analyze it.



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-something like
the blackbox might
appear only after a big
accident like a plane crash.

Which means
even if I could find my
blackbox and find the
cause of whatever
I have...,
it be too late ?

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Oh, I see.
The lady's son ..
Why does he want to see me instead of Seol hui though?
I've already asked her and she refused.
Her son just wanted to meet whoever was at her deathbed.
I see ...

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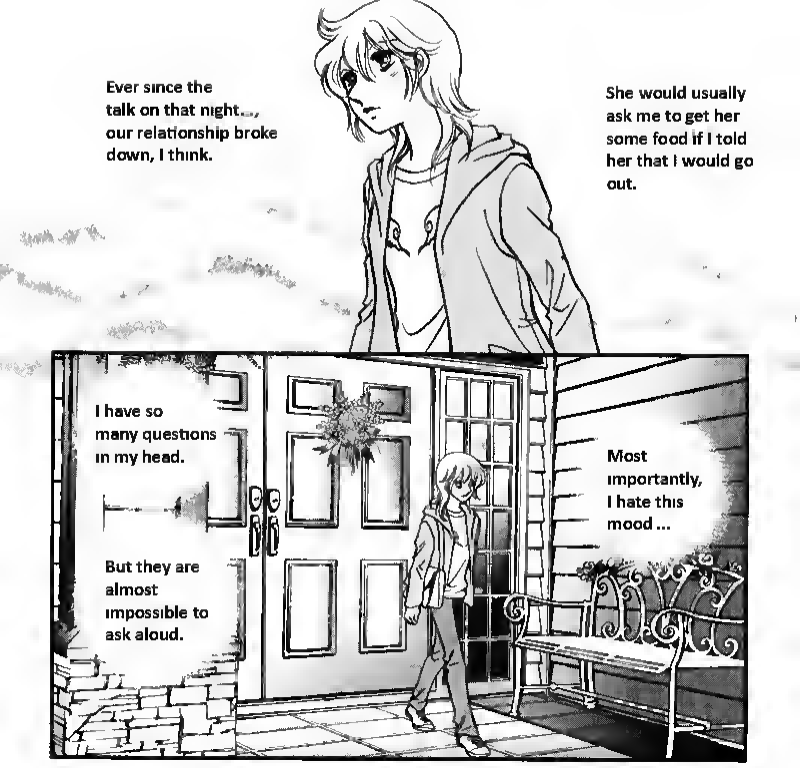
And he wants to give you something in addition.
I see. I will meet him.
Where ?
I am going out for a bit.
Sure -


Ever since the talk on that night..., our relationship broke down, I think.
She would usually ask me to get her some food if I told her that I would go out.
I have so many questions in my head.
But they are almost impossible to ask aloud.
Most importantly, I hate this mood ...

Arashi hasn't come back since then also.

And I don't feel like sending him text, either ...
To:ill
Aresh~ what are you doing~? I'm free~ call me call me~~
Ayung
아리야~ 뭐하니? 나 오늘 한가해요~ 콜미 콜미~
아영
(Wow, it's in English)

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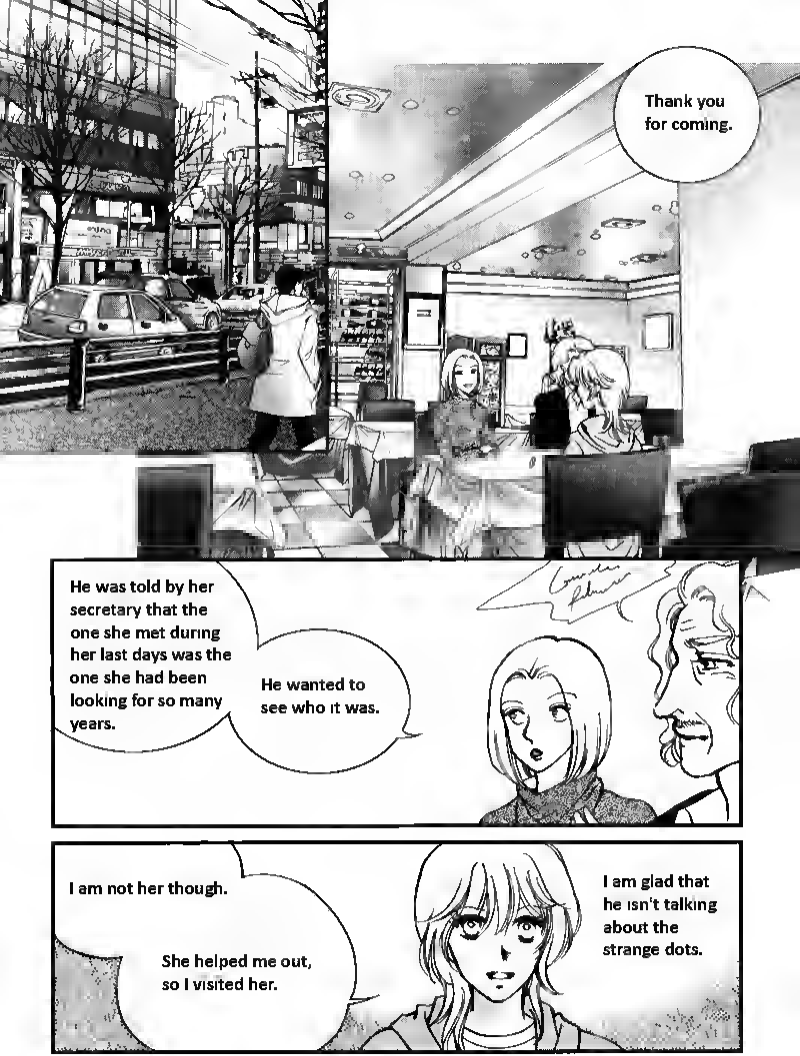
Why aren't you calling me back ?!
Why would I ?
You told me that you were willing to restart. You made me do all the work and now you are gone. What's the meaning of this ?
It's about your damn contract
Quit then.
Hey, I am not joking here !
It was you who wanted to have a go again.
You do know that you don't have the luxury to act like this, don't you ?

Lika has been calling me also.
You -

Yes, I was willing to restart for a short while.
What ?
I was willing to give it another go and then she showed up...

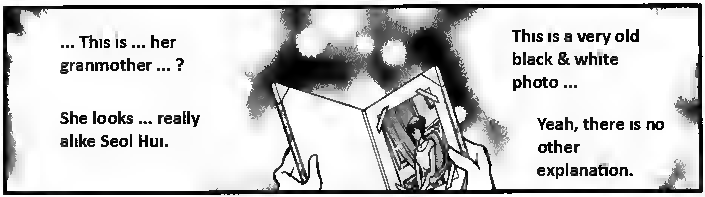
"Want me to die with you?"
"When?"

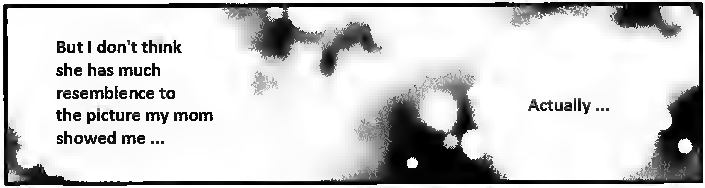
- Are you listening ?
What ? Hey, when are you coming bac-
I am hanging up.
She was talking as if she was asking me out for dinner.
And her unique attitude toward death made me curious about her.
I do wonder now though... Was that all ?

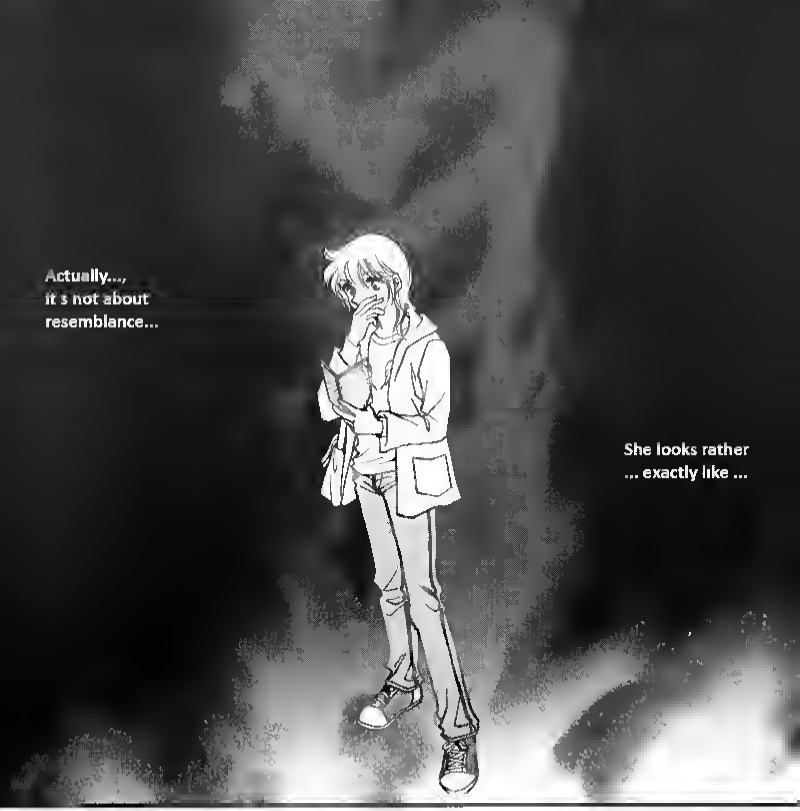

Thank you for coming.
He was told by her secretary that the one she met during her last days was the one she had been looking for so many years.
He wanted to see who it was.
I am not her though.
She helped me out, so I visited her.
I am glad that he isn't talking about the strange dots.

He knows.
He also knows the one she was looking for was about the age of her grandchild.
He regrets deeply that he can't see her.
He claims that this album belongs to her most likely.
His mother has kept this album very dearly.
This one actually one of few her belongings found at her hotel
He says his mother used to tell him about her in his childhood
Her secretary told him that she had been looking for her for more than 50 years.
The girl she met was probably her grand-daughter.
He feels that this album belongs to her now.

I see...
Good bye.
So, this album should have a picture of Seol Hui's grandmother ?
Yes..., they did look like they were quite close ...
Maybe, she knew Seol Hui's mother or even grandmother.


... This is ... her grandmother ... ?
She looks ... really alike Seol Hui.
This is a very old black & white photo ...
Yeah, there is no other explanation.


But I don't think she has much resemblence to the picture my mom showed me ...
Actually ...


Actually...,
it's not about
resemblance...
She looks rather
... exactly like ...

At that moment,
I felt chills on my back.

Blood
The injection right before her death
And that she had a terminal cancer
Seol Hui didn't seem to be concerned too much about her death
And this supposedly grandmother of hers looks exactly like Seol Hui
A step daughter who was adopted by a rich man and lived alone on a small isle.
All the pieces of puzzles were moving into something -
that I would only see from comics and movies.

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A vampire ?!
Does that even make sense ? I mean vampire is from tales and such !
Oh... ! And they drink blood, don't they ?
She doesn't drink blood. Rather she eats like a pig.
She doesn't even have any pointy teeth. She may sleep a lot but she does go out during day light
And ...

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I am hungry.
You are back.
You haven't eatten anything yet ? I will prepare something soon.
I need to give her the album.
I do wonder if I will be able to keep a straight face when I give her that ...

I don't think I will be able to see her in eyes.

Ahah, this air.

We weren't used to be like this ...

I don't like this !

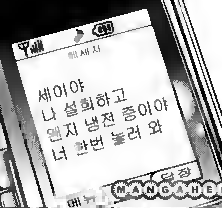
I used to be able to talk to her so easily. I miss those days !

But I don't know what to say !

I just can't forget it. Actually, my whatever doubts are growing bigger !

Do I need to ask her that she is a vampire ?

Will she even answer ? What if she actually does ? What am I going to do then ?



Sei, I am in cold war with Seol Hui. Visit me ->

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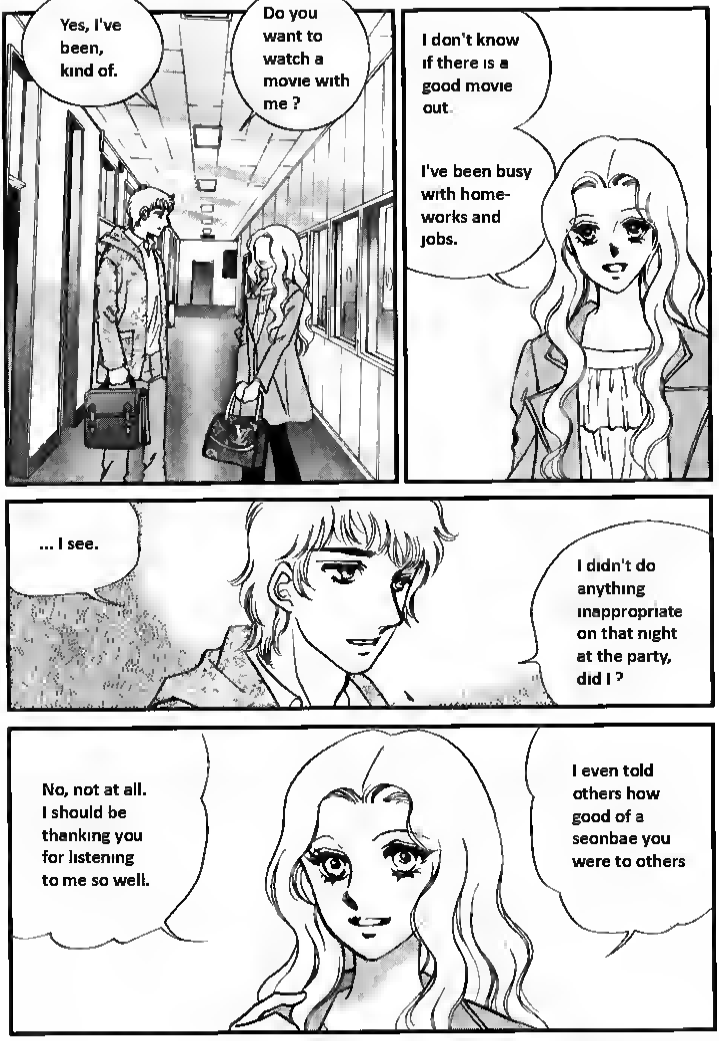
I don't want nothing to do with her for a while ! - Sei.
What ?
What has gotten into him ?
I find myself weird to even think something like this.
Maybe it's because I write scenario.

We are gathering up at Hunter tonight. Want to come ?
Hyo-soo.
모늘 저녁에 헌터에서 모이기로 했는데 올래?
효수오빠

Ah, Ah-Young, long time no see.

Hello, Jeong-Hyeon seonbae.

You must be busy. I haven't seen you in a while.


Yes, I've been, kind of.
Do you want to watch a movie with me ?
I don't know if there is a good movie out.
I've been busy with home-works and jobs.
... I see.
I didn't do anything inappropriate on that night at the party, did I ?
No, not at all. I should be thanking you for listening to me so well.
I even told others how good of a seonbae you were to others

I see ...
I came to see Sera actually.
See you later.
Sera -
Ah, hello, Ah Young
I heard someone died on that night ?
Uh, yeah, it's been kinda crazy since then.

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I see.
Arashi lives in the same house. I am sure he gave you some support.
Eh ?
It had nothing to do with him.
Besides, he hasn't come back home ever since that night.
What ? Really ?
Not the first time.
I see ...
Yeah.

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What's with this silence ?
I have to go now.
Oka,y, let's have a lunch together sometimes.
Bye.
See you.
Yunah, I saw your text. What's up ?
Tonight's fine. I work tomorrow.
What ? Your BF ?

Yunah, do you want me to sleep over at your place ?
Hello.
It's been a long time. Sera. I heard you moved.

It's been so long since the last time I visited your place.
Yeah, no kidding.
Did you tell her that you are here ?
Yeah, I sent her text.
Why am I avoiding her like this ...
Seol Hui, I am sleeping over at Yunah's place. I will be back home tomorrow evening after my work is done.
설희야
나 윤아네서
하룻밤 자고
일봐 끝내고
들어갈게.
세라
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Time to leave,
I guess ?

Really ?
So, what now then ?
No idea.
He doesn't call me and I don't call him.
I am pissed that he isn't calling me though.
Wimp !
You are waiting ?
You seem to be getting along really well with Seol Hui lately.
And her house is awesome, I heard. Show me once.

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Sure. But later.
I am not on very good term with her right now.
What ? What happened ? Did you fight ?
Well, it was just some slight verbal disagreement. It's lasting longer than I thought.
I know you don't fight unless you are pushed.
Has she been stressing you ?
Is it serious ?
Serious ? Well, in a way, very serious, I suppose ...
No, it's nothing like that.

She hasn't stressed me at all.
Actually, I think she made my life easier ...
It's nothing serious.
It's just me feeling down... That's all.
If it's nothing serious, don't make it last long

It's actually this nervousness that's making me feel worn out ...

She hasn't told me something very important ...

And that I am aware of that and still cannot dare to ask ...

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What if she tells me ?

Yes, what would I get for knowing whatever it is ?

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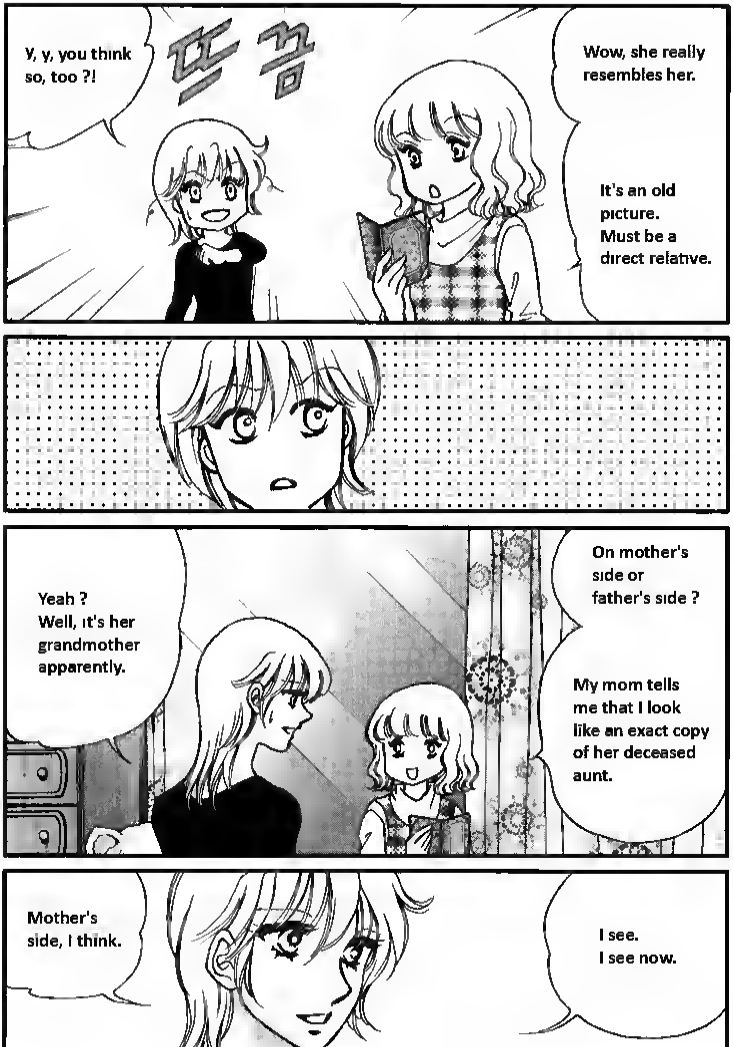
Y, y, you think so, too ?!
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Wow, she really resembles her.
It's an old picture. Must be a direct relative.
Yeah ? Well, it's her grandmother apparently.
On mother's side or father's side ?
My mom tells me that I look like an exact copy of her deceased aunt.
Mother's side, I think.
I see. I see now.

Yeah, it's because she's her family. Yes - Yep.
Nothing is thicker than blood, you know?
Huh ?
You know, Sei and Arashi look exactly the same and they aren't even related. Yeah, that explains !
It's a family thing ! Of couse, her grandmother is going to look like her grand-daughter. That's a strong possibility.
Um, Sera ? You are answering your own questions.
Sorry, I was thinking about something. I feel much better now.
About what ?
It's nothing.

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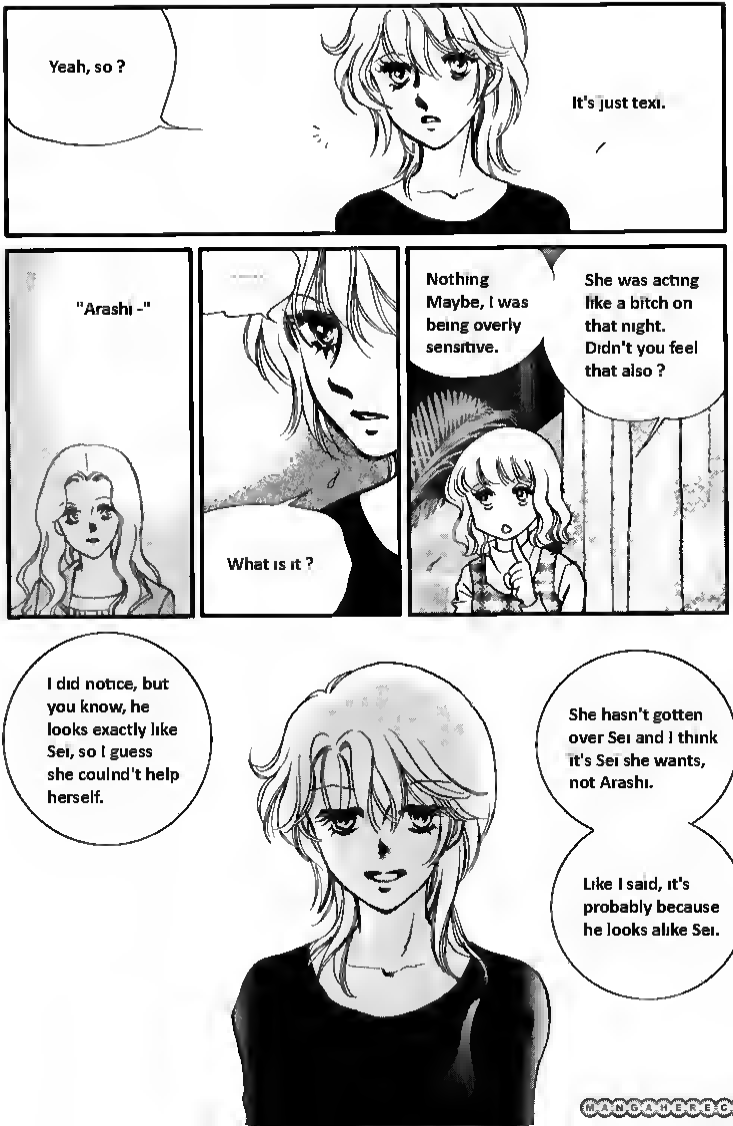
Yeah, so ?
It's just texi.
"Arashi -"
What is it ?
Nothing
Maybe, I was being overly sensitive.
She was acting like a bitch on that night. Didn't you feel that also ?
I did notice, but you know, he looks exactly like Sei, so I guess she coulnd't help herself.
She hasn't gotten over Sei and I think it's Sei she wants, not Arashi.
Like I said, it's probably because he looks alike Sei.
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The bigger problem is me right here.
Am I even his GF ? Not once has he replied to my text.
What ?
What he said to Seol Hui before ...
Yeah, what he said certainly rang something inside of me, but it just doesn't feel like I am in any kind of relationship.
It almost feels like neither of us wants anything.
Seol Hui's existence is pretty much dominating my life right now, and I don't feel like concentrating on anything else ...
Maybe, this is for the better
If Arashi has any feelings left for Seol Hui still, I won't go after him for sure.

It's not a matter of he is too good for me or I am too good for him....

I just ... don't have the will to push this relationship.

I feel relaxed enough about the issue with Seol Hui being solved ...

Arashi, where are you? Sera told me that you are somewhere else ?

If you ignore this text, I am going to be really mad

I can really bother you by bombarding you with text, but I am not that mad yet.

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So, he is ignoring me.
So, he was a rockstar, but that's only past now. Who does he think he is?
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I am done now. Thanks, bye.
When I go back home, I am going to sit down and talk to Seol Hui.

I am going to bring her favorite donut.
Yes, mom, I am on my way home.
You are coming to Seoul ?
No, you don't really need to thank her in person...
Oh, Aunt . I see ...
Ok, I will talk to her an let you know.
Well, the money is hers now, so basically I borrowed from her

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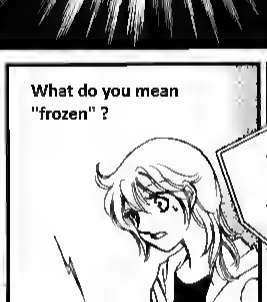
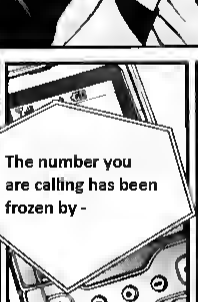
Are you sleeping ?
Hello ?
Did she go out ?
But she didn't send me any text.
The number you are calling has been frozen as requested by its owner.





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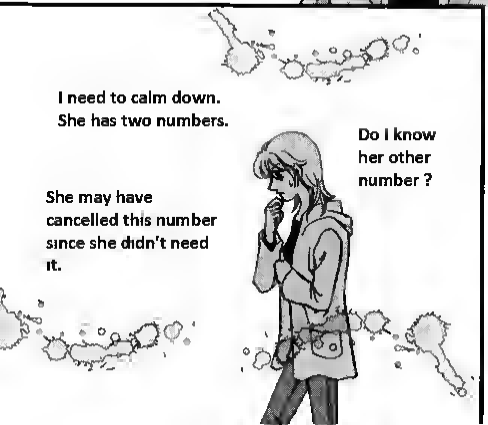
Arashi's room is empty also.


I need to calm down. She has two numbers.
Do I know her other number ?
She may have cancelled this number since she didn't need it.

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RRRR
No..., he is not answering.
CALL
I don't like this feeling ... Let's go to my room and think.
Could she have left simply because of the little fight on that night ?

That envelope ....
두근
두근
What is that ...

To Sera,

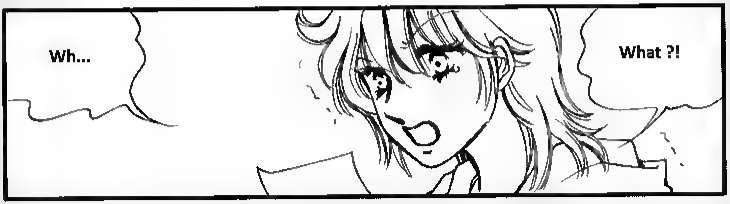
It looks like I have shown you
something I shouldn't have,
so I've decided to leave.

I hoped that you wouldn't ask, but
I guess it's hard for you to forget.

For both of us to have peace of mind,
I am leaving elegantly.

I will somehow contact you
regarding the house later.
Bye.

Seol Hui



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What the hell ?!
"Leaving elegantly" ?! Is she kidding me ?!
If she leaves like this all of a sudden, what am I supposed to do ?!
She left -
She left -
She must be playing a trick on me !
I have a debt to repay !
And you said you wanted to find out about your former life!

So, what about blood ! I am not gonna ask !
I am not gonna !
I don't need to know ! I don't care !
Yeah -, so what if I know ?
Yeah, what am I going to do about it if I find out something about blood ?
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Whether you are a vampire or not, I still want to be your friend.

I don't care what you would say about me.

I've known that she would leave after a year.

But at some point, I completely stopped thinking that she would leave at all.

The truth was that I didn't even want to think about it.

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The reason I became nervous,
The reason I wanted to know,
The reason I wanted to ask,
It was all because I wanted to get closer to her.
Even so, I couldn't bring myself to be proactive.
Because, if I asked and she refused to answer,
It would hurt me that our relationship would become more distant.
On the other hand, even if she did tell me and I found out,
I thought it would feel really awkward.

But perhaps
I should have
confronted her even
if I had to fight her
regardless of whatever
results.

I didn't realize until now -

We didn't even get to
see each other often
because we lived in
different worlds.

That Seol Hui has become
a big part of my daily life.

I don't need to know whatever.

I don't want to know.

I am more saddened
by the fact that you
are no longer here.

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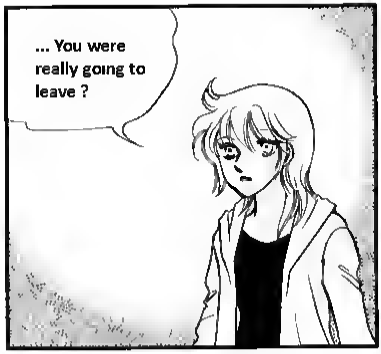
You said it.
You've better keep your words.
Now, hand over my donuts.
You... you tricked me !
Not really, the plane takes off at 5AM, so I was just waiting.

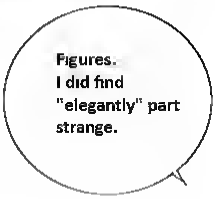

... You were really going to leave ?

I won't need to leave if you don't ask.

I won't.
I won't ask.

Why were you in my bathroom ?
I was hiding.

Come on.
I was trying to make it sound good.


Figures.
I did find "elegantly" part strange.

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I am glad that you aren't leaving.
The thing is, I do have to leave soon.
What ?
It's an appointment. I need to meet someone and am going to visit an isle.
Tickets were available.
An isle ... ?
The plane deaprts after mid-night, so I need to leave soon.
I will be out for about a week, so you are going to get a break from me.
A week ?
I am not certain yet. Could be more than a week.

Ok, have fun.
Want to tag along ?
I bought two seats since I wanted not to be bothered.
엥?
What are you saying ? I've got a job to do tomorrow and -
school also. I can't go AWOL for a week !

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Yeah, really ...
I can't ...
But should I really let this chance go ...
I see. I am leaving now.
Oh, and I am taking the donuts.
I will call you.
W...
Wait.
I am going.

Sure, get ready then.
Yeah.
Ok.
Always same days, same things
Even if I wanted to try something new, it wasn't so easy
I don't want to be irresponsible but -

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I had a feeling that I would regret my decision of not going with her for the rest of my life.
Passport ?
I made one last year. What else should I bring ?
Just bring essentials. We can buy what we need there.
Good that you have a passport.
Taxi is here. Let's go.
I will.

When Arashi comes back, no one will be here.
He doesn't even have a key.
Why care for a guy who went AWOL for so long ? Who cares.
He will get by.
True ...
He is an adult after all.
He's been out for days.
I am sure he will manage.

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Thinking like this makes me feel like I am his nothing ...
Where are we going now ? To the isle or else ?
Hm? Oh, the isle is later.
I do have an appointment We are going there first.
Where then ?

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You will see ~
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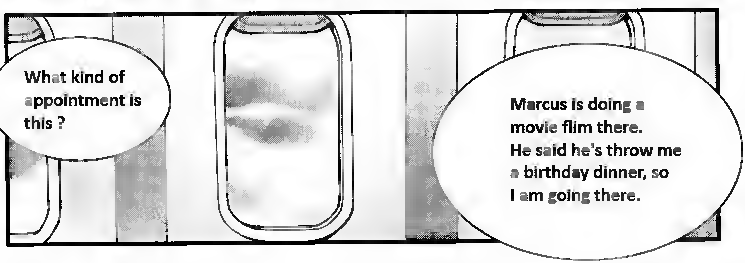
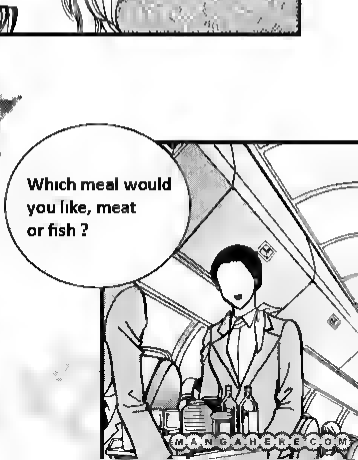

What kind of appointment is this ?
Marcus is doing a movie flim there. He said he's throw me a birthday dinner, so I am going there.

Out of nowhere,
I suddenly go to Czech Republic...

I had absolutely no idea that
I'd end up using my passport
I made last year for a backpacking
trip ...



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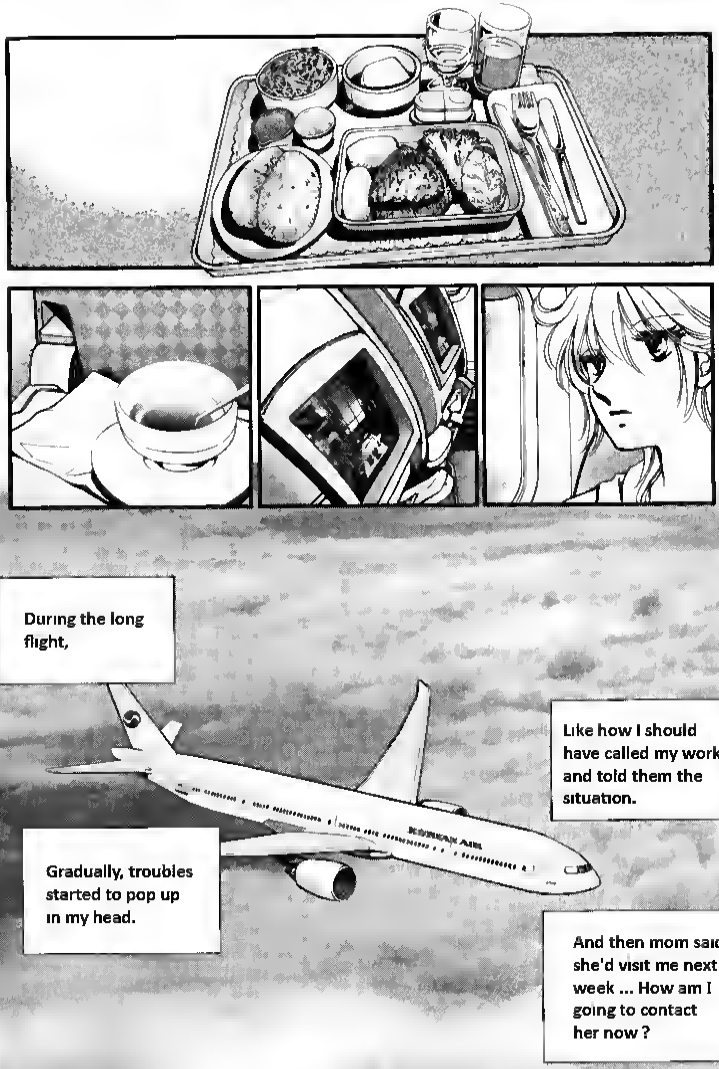
During the long flight,
Like how I should have called my work and told them the situation.
Gradually, troubles started to pop up in my head.
And then mom said she'd visit me next week ... How am I going to contact her now ?
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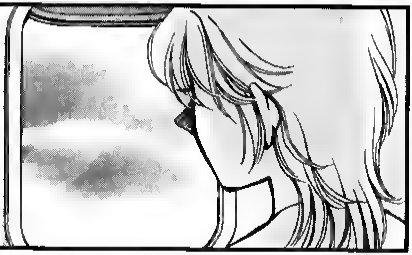
And my classes and homeworks...

Perhaps I should have called either Sei or Yunah even if it was late ...

Will Arash come back while we were gone ?

Even thinking how others might fare with me not being there.

And then I saw the clouds through the window.



It just made me feel like I shouldn't care anything at all.

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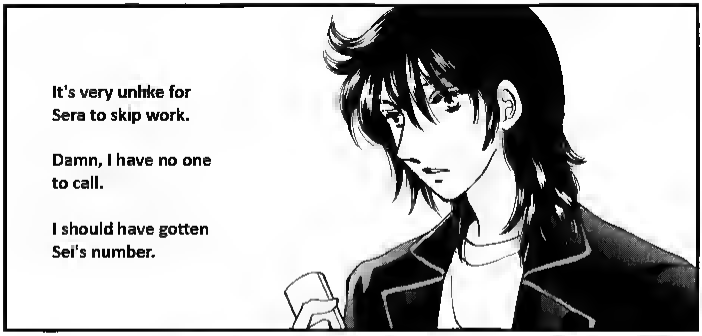
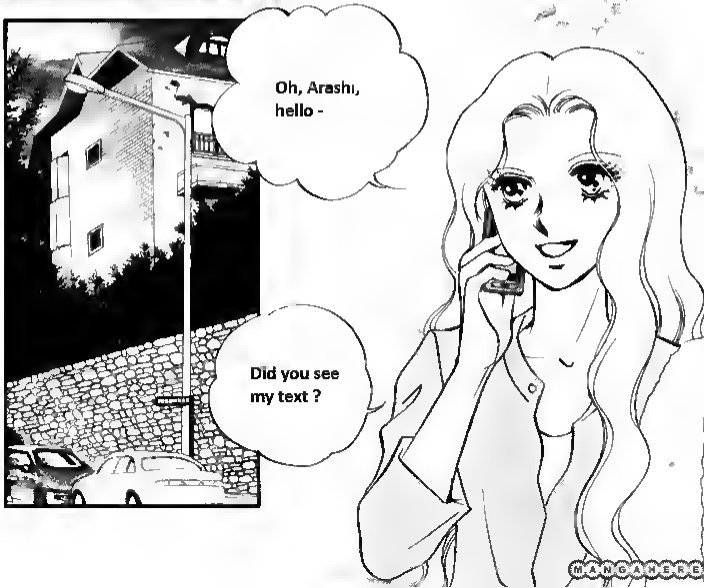
Ah, it's Sunday. She'd be at work and have her phone turned off.
I feel like watching a night movie with Sera-chan ~.
Sera? She didn't come to work today.
Yes ?
Did she call you and tell you that you'd skip work ?

No, she didn't call or anything.
I couldn't reach her by phone also. I didn't think she'd act like this. I am disappointed.
... Unable to reach the -
This number has been frozen -

Damn it !
What's this ?
Did something happen ?
I can contact neither Sera or Seol Hui.
A call in mid-night
and the empty house...





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Yes? Sera ?
No..., she didn't call me.
Is that so ?
I see. I will call her friends and try to get some info.
Could we meet and talk ?
I was going out anyway.
It's okay. It's a small appointment.
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What the hell is going on ...
I can see Yukihime doing this but not Sera...
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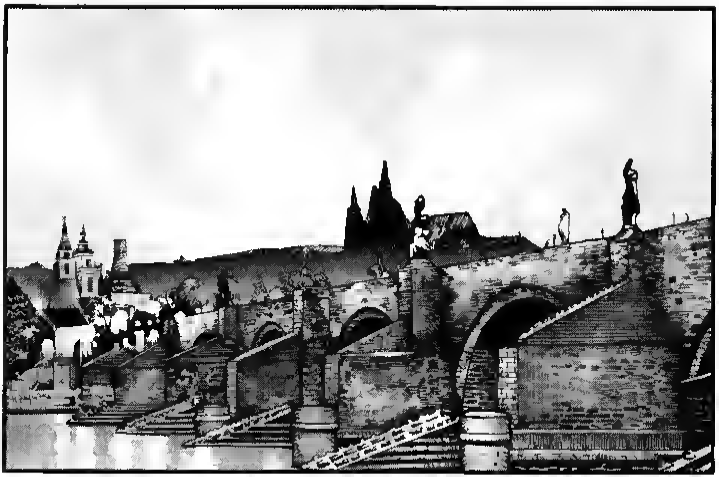
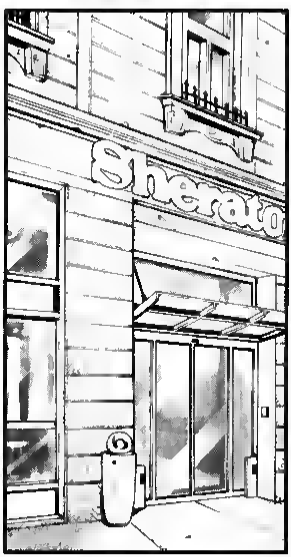
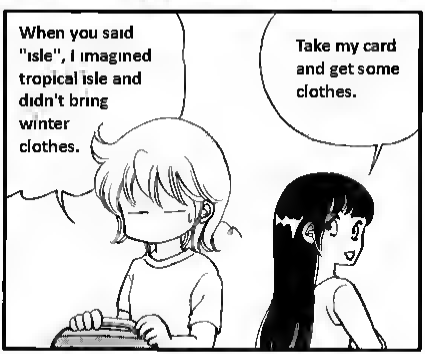
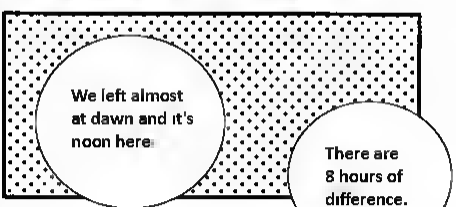
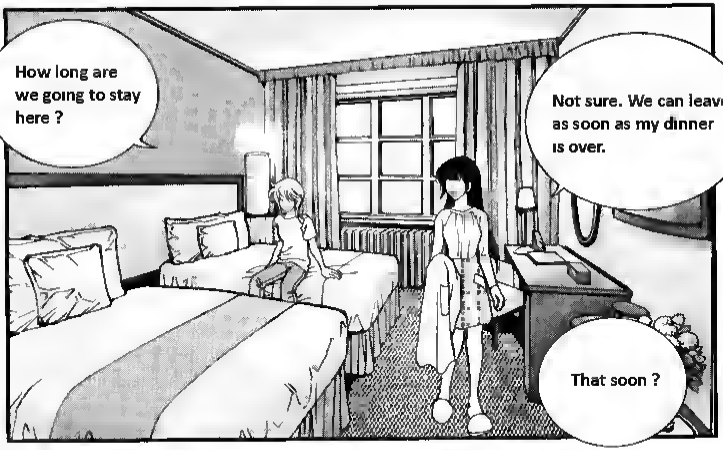
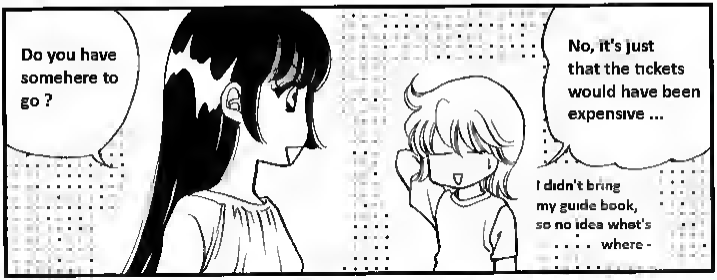


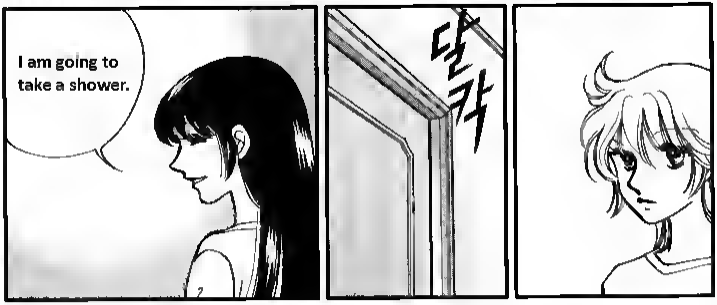



When you said "isle", I imagined tropical isle and didn't bring winter clothes.
Take my card and get some clothes.


We left almost at dawn and it's noon here.
There are 8 hours of difference.


How long are we going to stay here ?
Not sure. We can leave as soon as my dinner is over.
That soon ?


Do you have somehere to go ?
No, it's just that the tickets would have been expensive ...
I didn't bring my guide book, so no idea what's where -


I am going to take a shower.
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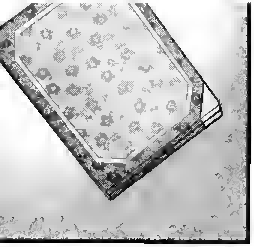

Perhaps she knew
I would tag along.

But I don't care.

I've decided not to
question this.

If she ever decides to tell me ..,
that's when I will know

I thought I had
enough sleep in
the plane —

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Have you talked to Miss Benders ?
Yes, she has arrived. She will see me tonight.
Thanks for everything so far, you've found me a nice restaurant and a nice gift also.
No, it was my pleasure.
Have good evening, sir.

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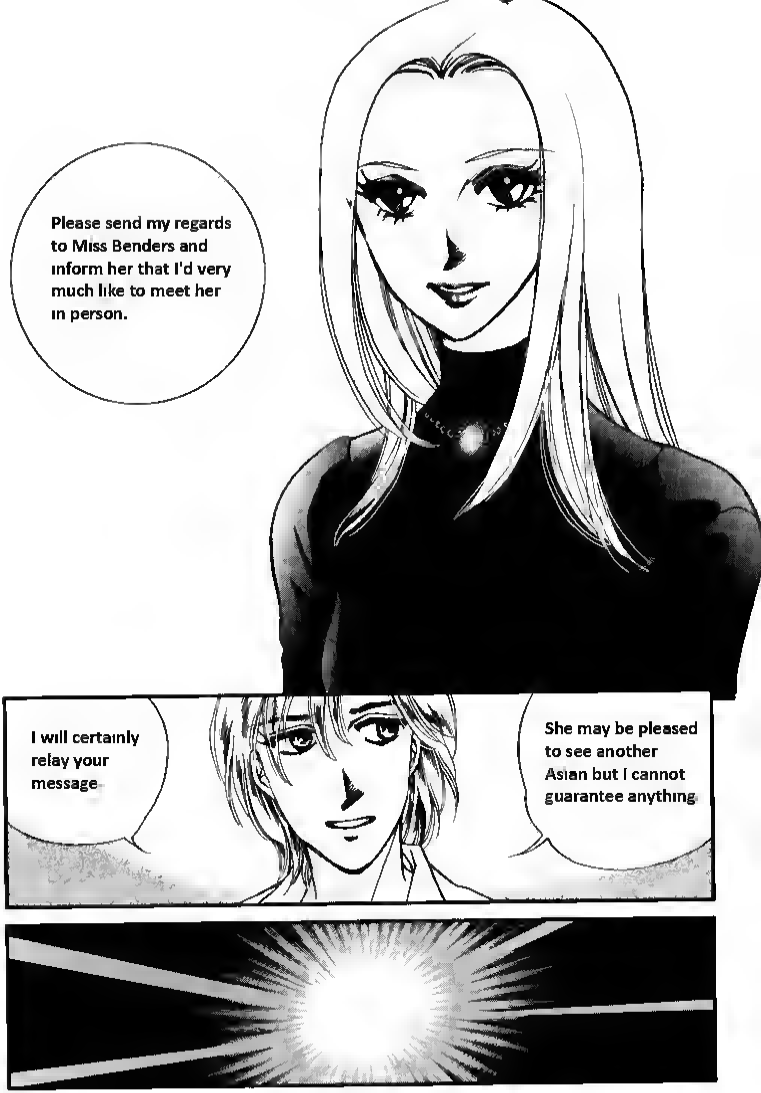
Please send my regards to Miss Benders and inform her that I'd very much like to meet her in person.
I will certainly relay your message.
She may be pleased to see another Asian but I cannot guarantee anything.

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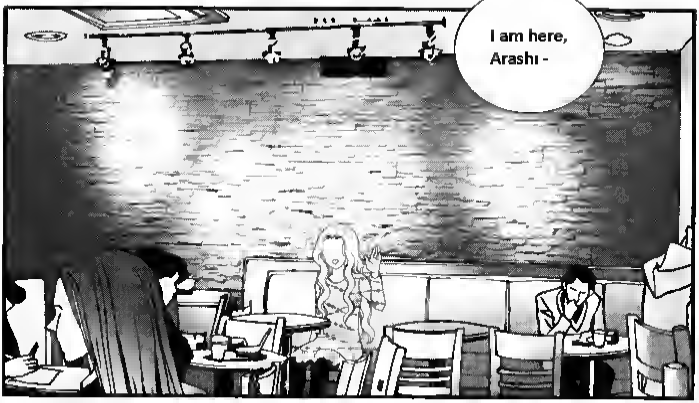
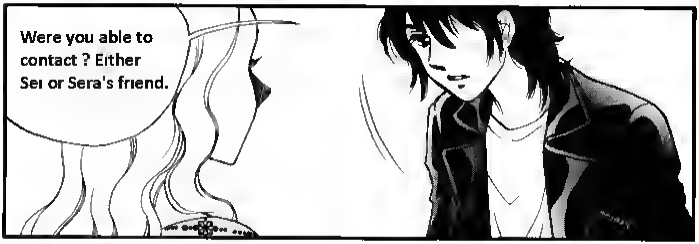

I am here, Arashi -


Were you able to contact ? Either Sei or Sera's friend.

Well, Sei is not answering his phone and -
I don't know Yunah's phone number.

I need to contact Sei in order to find out Yunah's cell phone number.
If she skipped even work, there might be some troubles at her home in Busan

*Bulgogi : Wiki it.

At a hotel.
Oh, I see.
Do you have a business in Korea ?
I am unemployed.
You can have some time with me if you are bored.
... Does it bother you so much that I resemble your ex?
He must have been your first, I assume ?

He was my first, yes.
But it's not what you think.
Come on, Arashi. I am sure that you have some confidence in your appearance.
Can I have a drink ?
I dislike soju; I know a good bar where they serve my favorite cocktail.
Fine.
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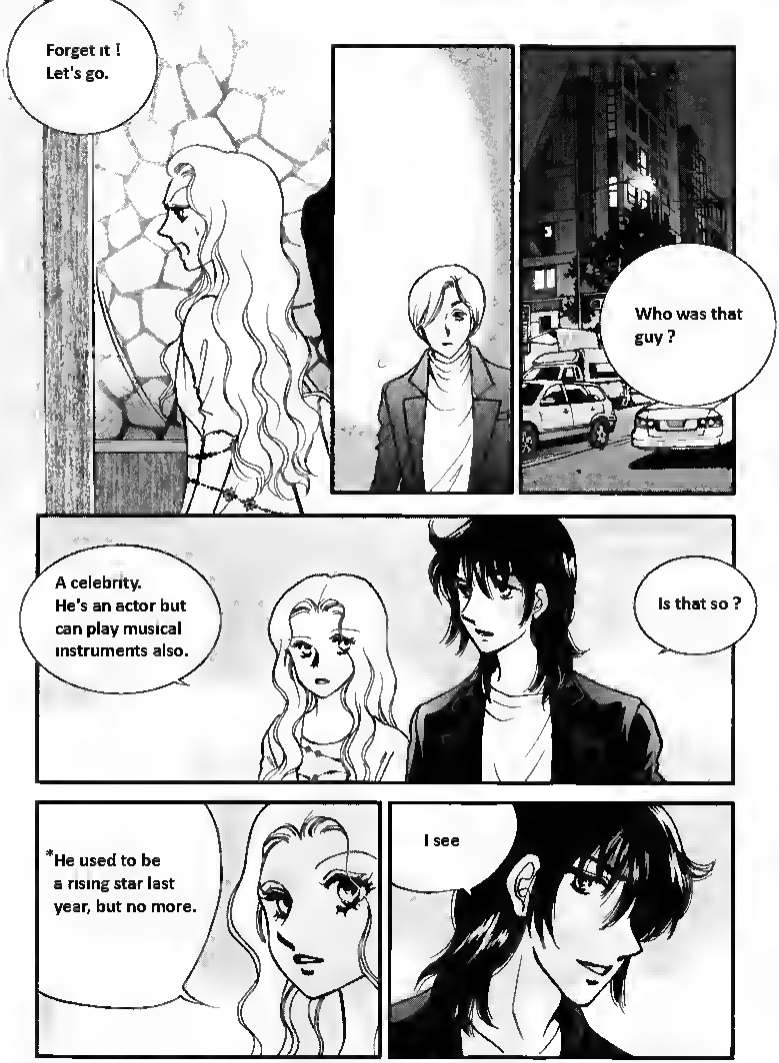
We are here.
Oh ?
Ah-Young ?
Ah -
Hey, it's been a long time - Ah ?
Eh...

Is that ... your old boyfriend ? He ... looks ... somewhat different ?
He is a different person.
Don't say anything further.
Let's leave.
I know another place.
Wait - Ah-Young !
Come on, it's been a long time. Don't treat me like this.
It's all past now.
I've been wondering how you've been. Can you at least give me your number ?


Forget it ! Let's go.
Who was that guy ?
A celebrity. He's an actor but can play musical instruments also.
Is that so ?
*He used to be a rising star last year, but no more.
I see

* Fate of Korean actor(ress)s(es) are very uncertain when they are young due to TV stations opting for new faces for their new drama since inexperienced ones are cheaper.

So, you dumped him since he was no good anymore, I see.
Pardon me ?! That's not it !
All I am saying is that he was having a good career while we were going out !
I am not that kind of person ! I had a private reason to dump him !
You met him while you were going out with Sei ?
.... Do you want to know more ?
Do you want to know more about me ?

Nah,
I could care less.
... He keeps evading me at vital moments.
When an ex shows up, men tend to show some form of interest either positively or negatively.
... Fine.

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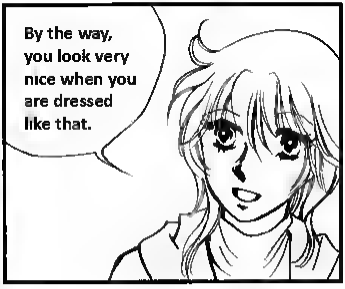
Looks like we've got nothing to talk about. Let's end this.
Eh ? Ah..., sure.
Fine.
I am not in good mood, either.
Why don't you give me Sei's number to me now ?
I will call him.
Sure, that's better ...

No -
I will call him.
Whatever.
Just call or text me
when you find out
what happened to
Sera and Seol hui.
Sure ...
Good night.

Are you gonna be okay alone ?
bought clothes
Sure, don't worry.
I will take the hotel's card like you suggest. When will you be back ?



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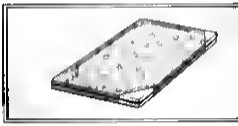
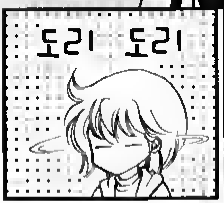
Yeah ? Thanks.
Don't wander around too late also.
Okay.
Have a nice birthday dinner.
See you later.

When she's dressed like that,
I don't feel like it's Seol Hui I know ...



I am sure she has looked at the album ... but she didn't say anything.



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The only knowledge
I know about Czech Republic
is ...

A movie called Czech's spring and a random Czech drama ...

Neither of which
I watched ...

The streets look like they are right out of a movie film.

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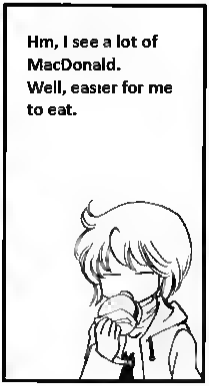

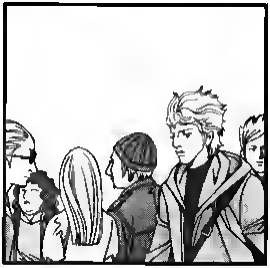

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The twilight of a completely different country was ...
Certainly different.
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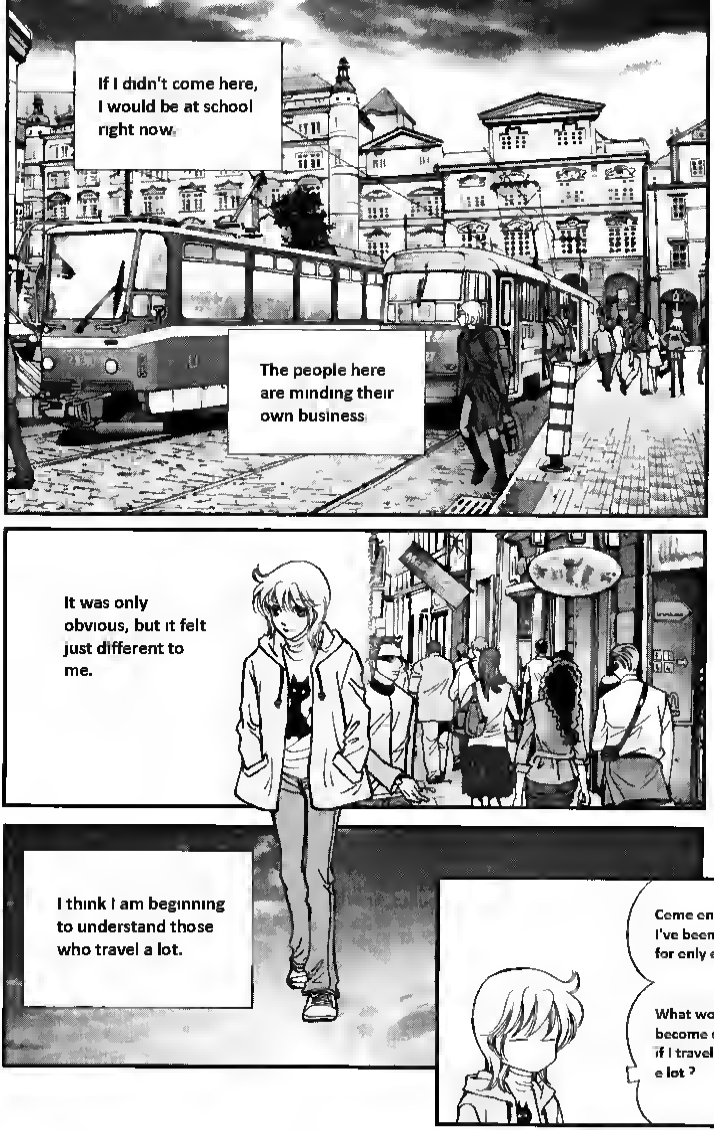
If I didn't come here, I would be at school right now.
The people here are minding their own business.
It was only obvious, but it felt just different to me.
I think I am beginning to understand those who travel a lot.
Come on, I've been out for only e day
What would become of me if I travelled e lot ?

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I wanted to go away once.

Though I knew it wouldn't be easy.

I figured I would travel during later stages of my life.

It just happened now and the sensations are weird.

None of my efforts and money were involved though...

Regardless, I suppose I should thank Seol Hui for this.

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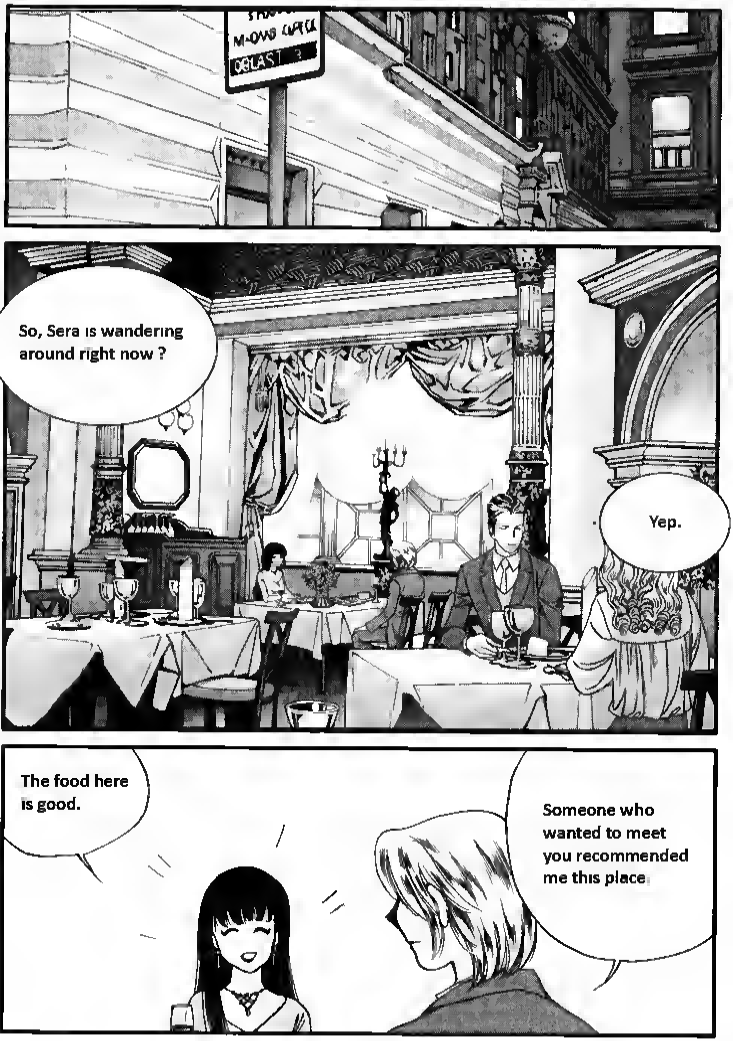
So, Sera is wandering around right now ?
Yep.
The food here is good.
Someone who wanted to meet you recommended me this place.

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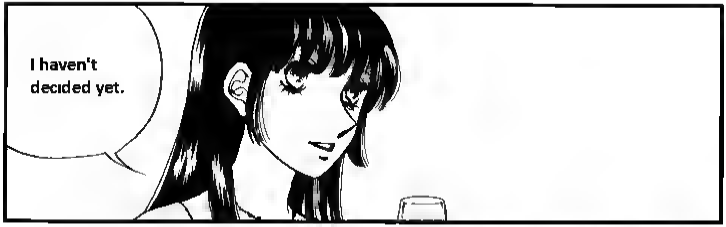
How did she know me ?
From articles maybe ?
Some people show great interest in you in general.
I was talking to her when you called me She recommended me this palce then.
She seemed to be quite close to the director
She may be an investor; she's an Asian like you which may be why she wanted to meet you.
Anyway, I didn't think you'd fly this far just for a dinner.
You certainly pleased me this time.
I need to stay here for maybe a month. Do you want to stay here with me ?


I haven't decided yet.

How much longer are you going to stay in Korea ?

I think I found the correct one this time.
So, I don't know.

Here -
Birthday gift.
What's this ?

If you were just a normal woman, I would have followed my manual.
But it's you. I don't know how to handle you.
It's just a gift, it has no other meaning.
And I will not equip it for you.
Thanks.
I do like you, Marcus.
That much is true.
Nevermind.

It's true.
You are a good man.
Of course, I like you.
Is the promise you made for Christmas still valid ?
Yes.
Actually, I will be going there to clean the place up for the event.

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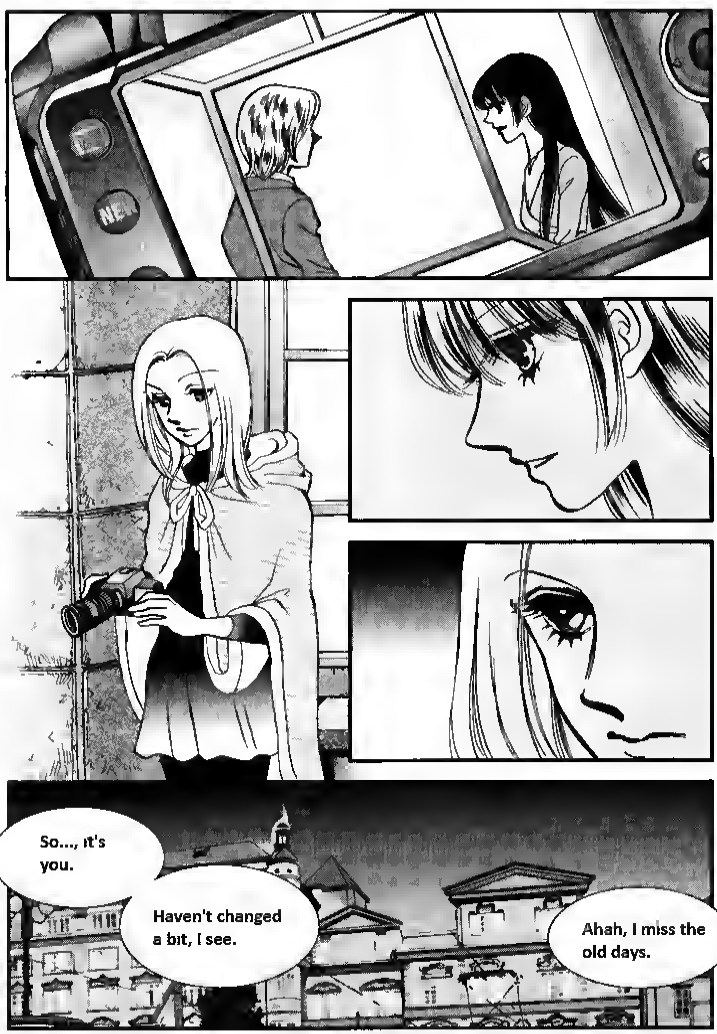
So..., it's you.
Haven't changed a bit, I see.
Ahah, I miss the old days.

I wonder if she still loathes me for what happened.
Kill me.
Then you can leave.

Ugh
I've been having that dream too often lately. How long did I sleep anyway ?
I skipped yesterday's training and - Figures, my mailbox is full of messages from the manager.
월요일에 사장님과 면담 있다. 정신 차리고 내일2시까지 나와.
Meeting on Monday with the president
Meeting ?

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I have a bad vibe about this meeting.
Is he going to release me ?
The whole thing is just strange now. I am training alone and I am using the whole floor by myself.
It almost feels like I've been abandoned ...
Should I just go home ?
Huh ?
From Ah-Young.
Sei, I need to ask something.
About what ?
The rest are all spam mails
WHAT ?!

Darling Sei -,
I and Sera are going on a trip.
I will bring a souvenir for you.
Stay well, chao -
Trip ?!
Is she trying to piss me off or what ?!
I am about to go through a nerve breakdown.
A year has to pass fast so that she will leave !
... Leave ?
Yeah ..., she will ... leave.

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She said she'd give up
and leave if I am not the one.
I am having the dreams
but I can simply deny.
I simply won't tell
anyone about it and
be done with it.
Yes, then she will leave.
It's been half a year, hasn't it ?
... What's with
this strange
mixture of
feelings ?

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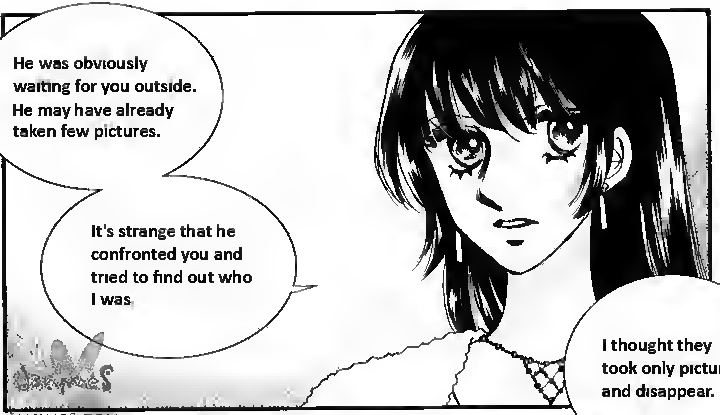
Hello, Marcus, is that your girlfriend ?
No, she is just an old friend.
Did you really have to follow me to here even?
Of course, now excuse me -

I covered my face right before. I woner if he got my face.
Is he going to sell it to a magazine ?

It's not like people know your face. Don't worry too much.
Let's get in the car.
You get paparazzi even here? His accent didn't sound like he was from America.
Well, they are everywhere literally. But they don't generally bother me when I am out of country.
Simply because I don't create enough gossips for them.


He was obviously waiting for you outside. He may have already taken few pictures.
It's strange that he confronted you and tried to find out who I was
I thought they took only pictures and disappear.

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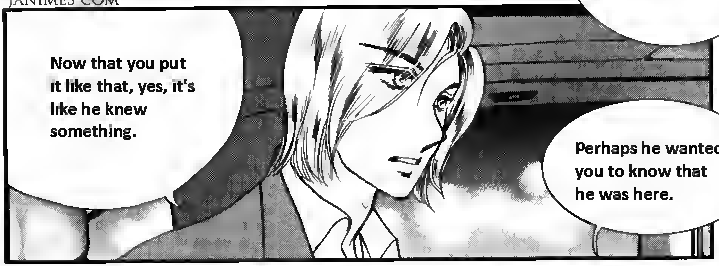

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You said she was an Asian. Where is she from ?
How old is she ?
Her name is Vella Chen, a chinese.
Mid-20..., I think ?
I doubt she had something to do with this though. She would gain nothing.
Vella ... Chen ?
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So, Vella of Velladona, wasn't she ?
So, she still lives to this day, huh.
What ?
Nothing
I think I know who she is.
I wonder what she wants now.
What are you talking about ?
Do you mind filling me in what is going on ?

I bet she will do whatever she can to confront me in near future.
As for you though, just tell her that I am not interested in meeting her.

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How do you do, Todd ?
It's been a long time.
Yes, I have a favor to ask.
I need to rent an airplane. No, I don't want to use Benders' private plane.
It's in America, so it will take some time to get here. I need a plane to travel across Euorpe.
Yes, thank you.
What are you doing all of a sudden?
I figure I should try to avoid potential troubles.
Her top priority is to see me in person no matter what. I can bet you that someone's shadowing us right now.

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Sheraton
Bye~
How was dinner ?
Sera, pack your stuff.
Eh..., what ?
Well, you don't have anything to pack, right. Just get your clothes
We are moving to another hotel.
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Seriously ? We haven't even spent a day here.
I am sorry. It's the rule, I cannot allow you to read the roster.
Of course, I understand you. But I assure you it will not be a problem.
?

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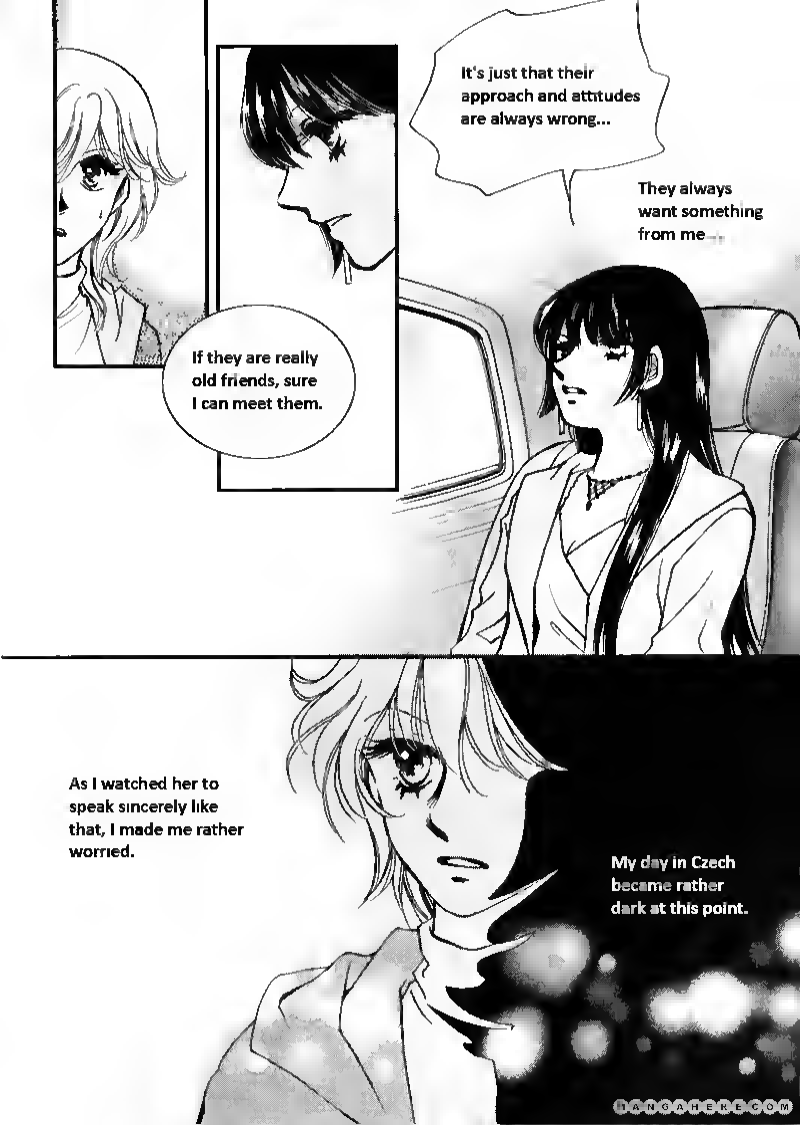
Let's go.
Should you check out first ?
No need. I will call them later.
I wonder ... how much people can change ?
Philosophy now ?
I am ... just feeling repugnance.


It's just that their approach and attitudes are always wrong...
They always want something from me...
If they are really old friends, sure I can meet them.
As I watched her to speak sincerely like that, I made me rather worried.
My day in Czech became rather dark at this point.
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If he's gonna scold me, do that already.
He hasn't said a word for like 10 minutes !
I apologize for skipping the training.

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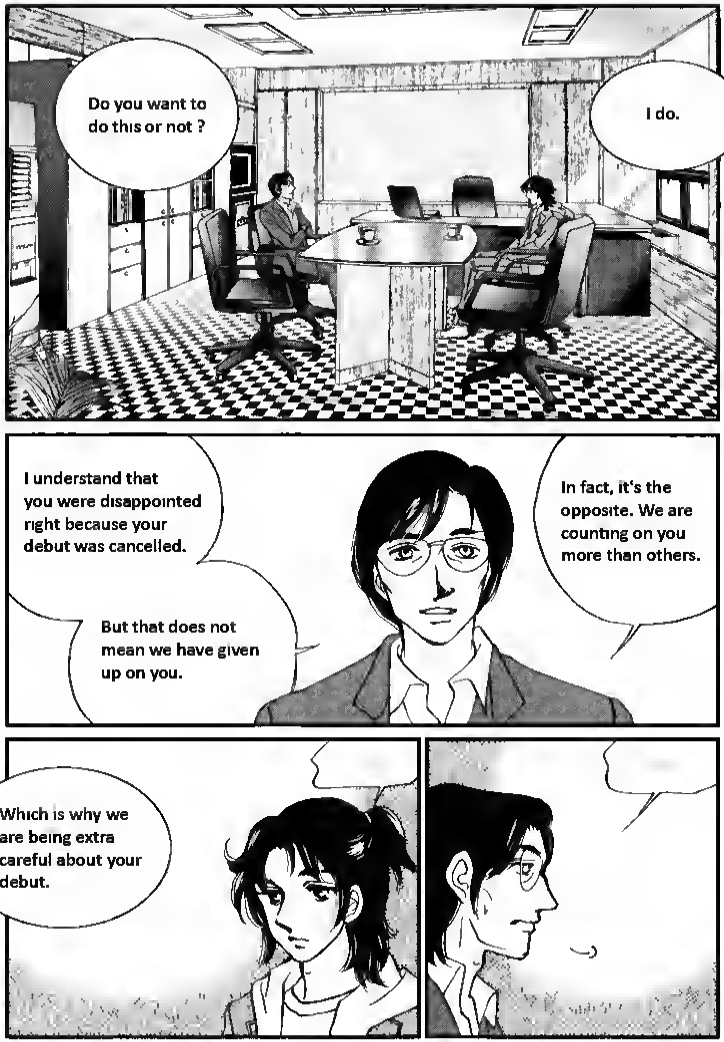
Do you want to do this or not ?
I do.
I understand that you were disappointed right because your debut was cancelled.
But that does not mean we have given up on you.
In fact, it's the opposite. We are counting on you more than others.
Which is why we are being extra careful about your debut.

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You should expect one more year in training.
Compared to the others, you had the shortest training.
We decided that your training period was too short for an official debut.
So, don't feel too negative about it.
I see ..
I figured it'd have something to do with training ...
How about the place I am staying right now ?
We moved in to prepare our debut.
Oh, yes, I need you to empty that place.
It's a two-bed room apartment
Figures
And -

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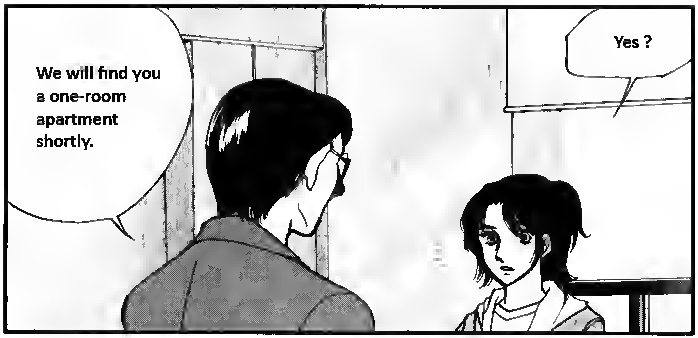
We will find you a one-room apartment shortly.
Yes ?

R, really ?
We are investing in you
So, do your best.

Yes, sir.
You can leave now.
Yes.
Oh, hang on a sec.
Your friend, Seol Hui, can you contact her ?

Yes ?
She's out of country right now, on a trip apparently.
... I see. You can leave.
Yes, sir.
Alright.
Call Director Em here.
Yes.
Why did he talk about her out of blue ?

Hey, Sei.
Hey, dude.
The president called you guys, too ?
No, we are going back to our place after filming
How about you ? Solo debut yet ?
No, I've got one more year to go !

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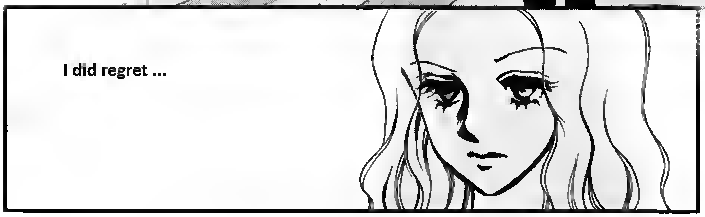
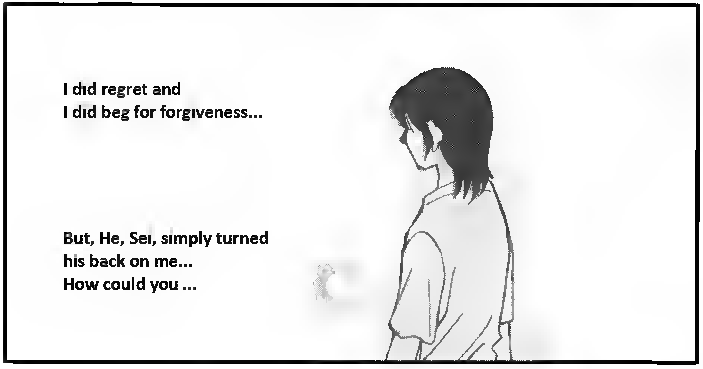
Is it because they are standing in front of actual camera ?
They seem to be really active and positive...
Damn, I am jealous.
Did you manage to contact this Alisa Benders?
According to Sei, she is out of country.
Probably why I couldn't get a hold of her.
Hm, what a dilemma.
This feels strange.
Yes, sir.
I didn't think anyone would request him for a commercial Ad after we sent out a simple profile film.
But then Sei does look better on a screen.

Neither Sei
nor Arashi
contacts me.
Only worthless
guys contact me.


I did regret ...


I did regret and
I did beg for forgiveness...
But, He, Sei, simply turned
his back on me...
How could you ...

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We have to reject, I guess ?
Obviously.
It's not like they'd wait for him to debut.
Besides, what Miss Benders invests outclasses the small fee they are willing to pay.
Even if I want to talk and convince her, I can't even get a hold of her.
What's their relationship ?
I can't tell whether it's a good or bad relationship they have,
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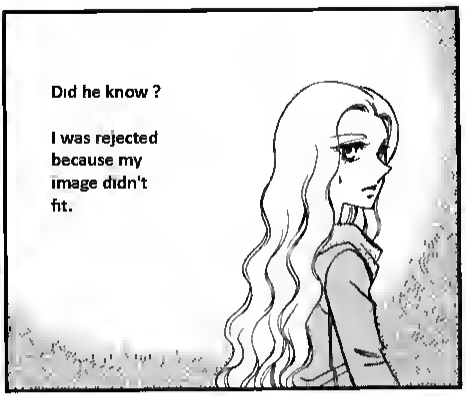
I want to go back to the way we were.
You repeat that way too often.
I think I made it clear.
No chance at all ?
Just how many times do I have to tell you to make you understand?
It's all over. There is absolutely nothing between us.



My agency Is no good at getting me better jobs.

I still have time left on my contract, so I can't move to Sei's agency.

Do I must stay with them when they can't bring me fame ?

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I am getting tired of you trying to go around just to tell me the same thing over and over.
Am I supposed to feel anything for you?
.....
I am hanging up.
Ah -
Wait -
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Where to ?
I... don't know... They left a message to Sei ...
... Are you crying ?
... Is that important ?
You, too, just need me to tell you what you need to know, right ?
Yes, they went somewhere !
That's it !

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Obviously, good luck.
I will call you later.
Why does he keep getting on my nerve?
I did something wrong to him ?
I have to succeed just to get back at him !
Damn, I have to watch him debut first
Pisses me off.

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Good work, Ah Young.
Thank you.
You are next, Min-Ji.
Thank you.
Hey, I heard you might feature in a music video. How did it go ?
Ah, I couldn't make it to the audition on time.

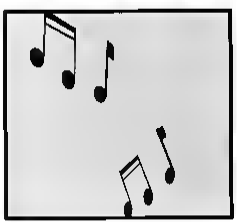
How could you ...

Yes, it was my fault, but he turned his back on me instantly as if he was waiting for me to make such a mitake.

I really did like him.

I loved him...

Were you not senous about me ?



Sei ?

Fine.
Both Sera and Seol hui are unreachable.
Even their house is empty and locked up, Arashi said.
I was wondering you might know something.
They are on a trip.
What ? Really ?
What were they thinking?
They didn't even tell him and just took off like that?
And how do you know that?

Coincidence or else ?

I got the call when I was thinking about him.

Yeah, it's me.

What is that you wanted to ksak ?

Hello, Sei ?

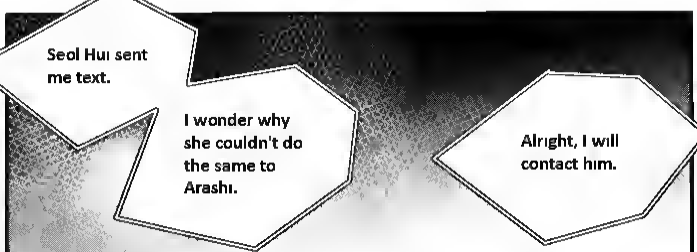
Um well ...

It's about Sera. It's complicated.

Could we meet ?

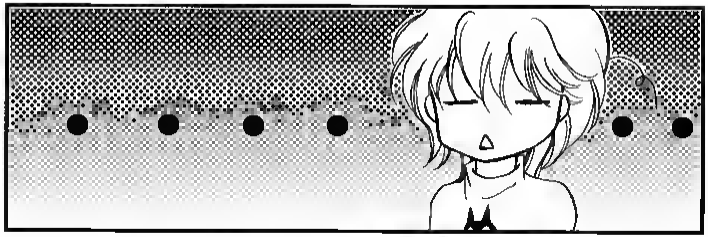
Not a good idea.

Just spill it out already. What about her ?


Seol Hui sent me text.
I wonder why she couldn't do the same to Arashi.
Alright, I will contact him.

Ah, sure ...
Is that all? If so, I am hanging up.

Wait, Sei !
Please meet up with me once and talk.
I want to tell you about my feelings.
How much I regretted, how much I felt sorry for what I did.



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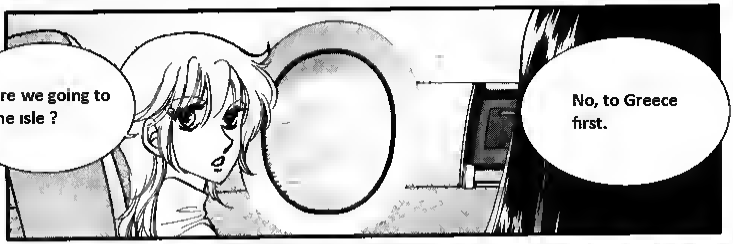
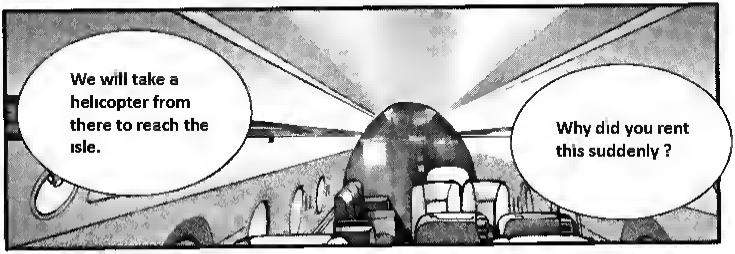
I knew well that she was rich, but this is ...
She rented a private jet just like that.
I am speechless.


Are we going to the isle ?
No, to Greece first.


We will take a helicopter from there to reach the isle.
Why did you rent this suddenly ?

I just wanted to run away from someone.
Wasn't going to bother with plane tickets.

Something happened last night ?
Can I ask ?
Nope -
Ah, sure.
She doesn't hide but doesn't explain, either.
Fine, I did tell her that I wouldn't care, so I won't.
I will forgive her for now since she is letting me experience something I would normally have no chance of.
I don t feel like this is a trip though. Too many shocks in too short period.
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Hello, Marcus.
Hello, Miss Chen.
Thanksk for the recommendation. I had good dinner.
And there was an unwanted guest also.

Is that so ?
Have you told her that I'd like to meet her ?
What did she say ?
She refused.
And left the country
Would you still say that if I tell that I am going to expose her identity along with this picture to a magazine company ?

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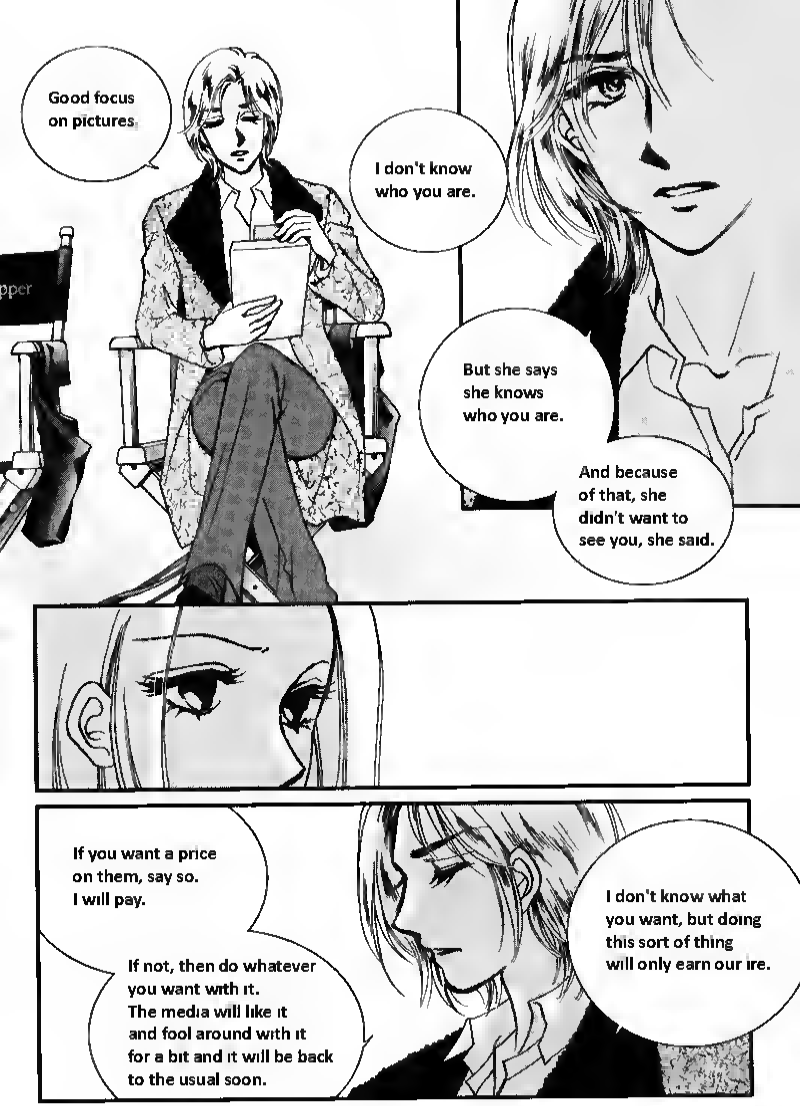
Good focus on pictures.
I don't know who you are.
But she says she knows who you are.
And because of that, she didn't want to see you, she said.
If you want a price on them, say so. I will pay.
If not, then do whatever you want with it. The media will like it and fool around with it for a bit and it will be back to the usual soon.
I don't know what you want, but doing this sort of thing will only earn our ire.

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Where did she go ?
None of your business.
What is your relationship with her anyway ?
It's complicated.
But I do need to meet her.
You certainly don't have a proper attitude about trying to meet somebody.
If you are not going to answer me, please just leave.

Very well, I will leave if you say so.
But please ask her again.
That it is alright for me to send these pictures.
Ask her that if she really want it to be messy.
A relationship between a movie star and a rich inheritor who just came of age. Do you really think it will end quietly?
Or does she want to live as Alisa Banders among people ?
Do you get what I am saying ?
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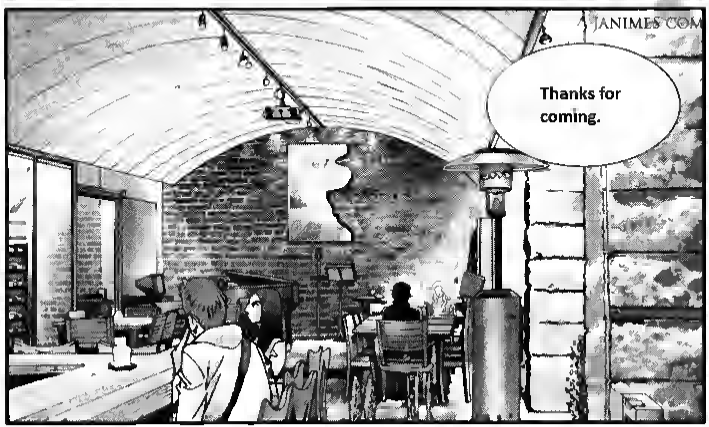
I will leave my card here.
Tell her that she has a week to answer.
Bye now.
In Latin, a living person means,
A person among people
A dead person means,
A person who isn't among people.
Don't you think that it's quite meaningful ?



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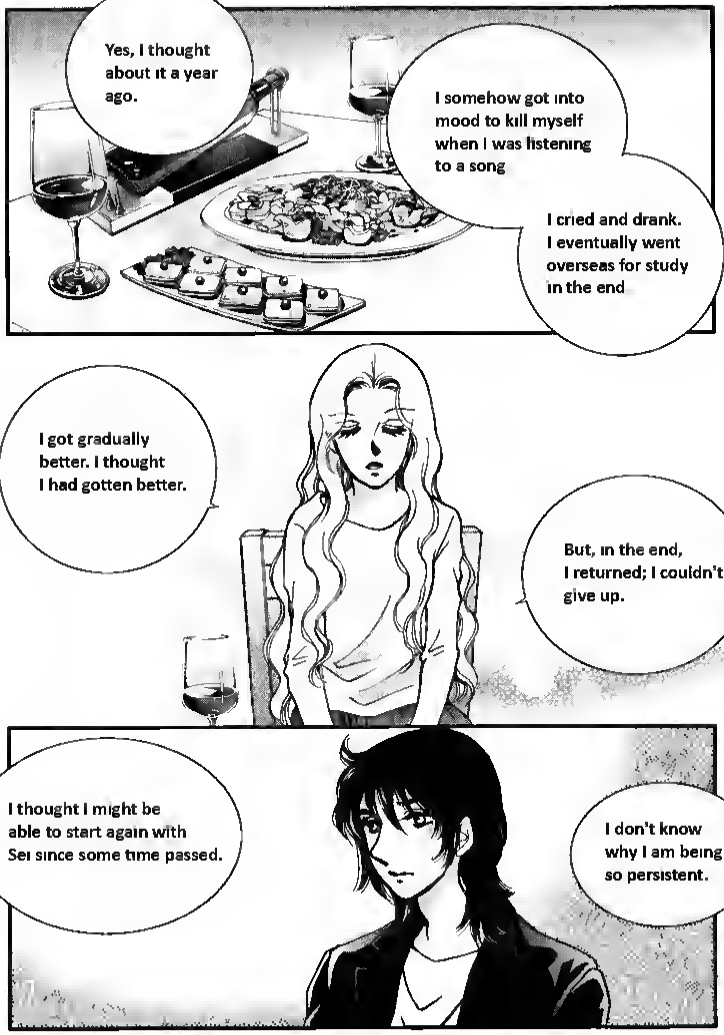
I didn't know you'd come.
Why not ? I am unemployed.
I am just happy.
I was going through an emotional hardship when I was calling you.
Because of Sei ?
I guess you are not over him yet.
I thought you weren't curious.

I wouldn't be if I wasn't bored.
I have no one to play with at the moment.
Arashi, have you ever thought about committing suicide ?
Everyone think about that once or twice during their lifespan.


Yes, I thought about it a year ago.
I somehow got into mood to kill myself when I was listening to a song
I cried and drank. I eventually went overseas for study in the end
I got gradually better. I thought I had gotten better.
But, in the end, I returned; I couldn't give up.
I thought I might be able to start again with Sei since some time passed.
I don't know why I am being so persistent.

My life would be a waste if I died because of that
I had a call from him a moment ago ... I think it's definitely over now.
Time to find a new path.
Sure, good idea.

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And I like you, Arashi.
If ... that is your "new path", you haven't gotten over at all then.
Besides, I have a girlfriend.
A pretty mean one who abandoned me and went on a trip without telling me anything.

I am not joking.
Besides, I don't think you are going out with Sera.
I want to know more about you.
And I am not just saying that.
And I am not doing this just to get over Sei.
I was so happy that you came.
You don't dislike me, do you ?

I know your kind.
You are those obsessive ones who have to have what they want in a way or another.
And they think they can get what they want.
You resemble someone I know of.
I kinda want you to confront that one.
Anyway, you've got some energy. I praise you for that at least.
Pardon ?
Or maybe, I am the type who attracts girls like you.
Man, I am getting sleepy after drinking.
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What about the answer ?
Regarding ?
Nevermind.
If I push him, he might reject me for good. I need to be patient.
He may have looked like he answered, but he hasn't.
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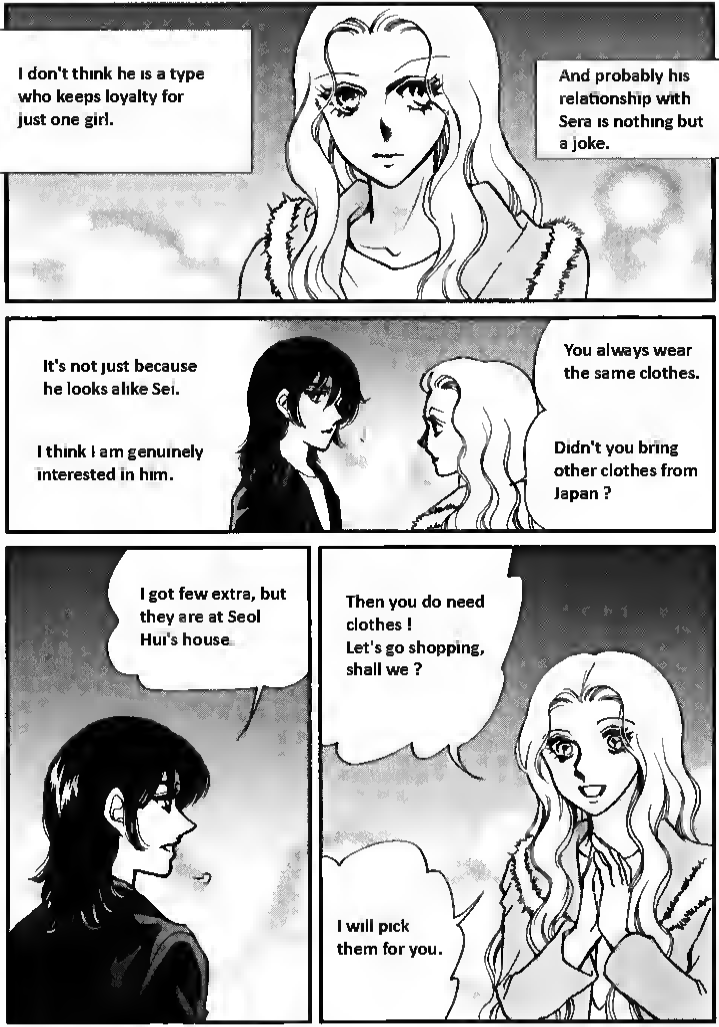
I don't think he is a type who keeps loyalty for just one girl.
And probably his relationship with Sera is nothing but a joke.
It's not just because he looks alike Sei.
I think I am genuinely interested in him.
You always wear the same clothes.
Didn't you bring other clothes from Japan ?
I got few extra, but they are at Seol Hui's house.
Then you do need clothes ! Let's go shopping, shall we ?
I will pick them for you.

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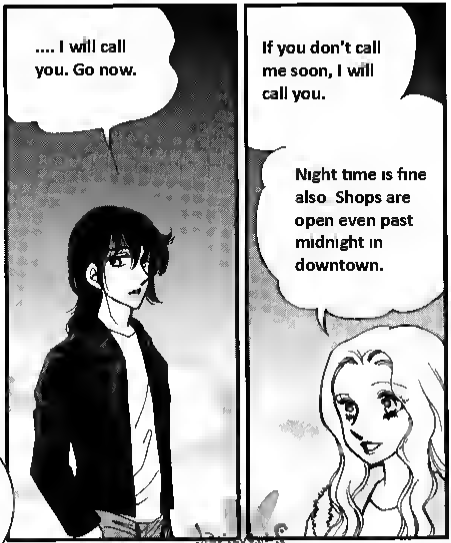
Why not ?
You said you have nothing to do until they return.
You said you had no one to play with. Play with me. I am fun to play with.


.... I will call you. Go now.
If you don't call me soon, I will call you.
Night time is fine also Shops are open even past midnight in downtown.

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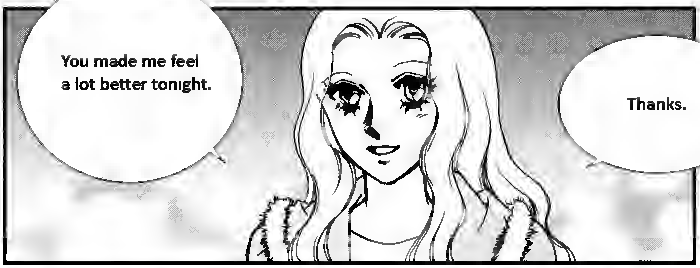

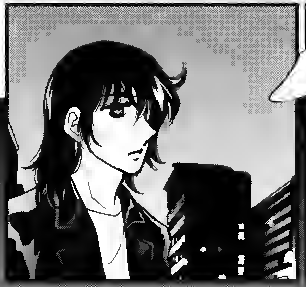

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Santorini airport ? Is this really Santorini?
Yes, we will take a helicopter from here.
Wow, so this really is Santorini !
I thought it might have been when I looked through the window.
Hm ?
I saw pictures from the internet. White buildings and blue proofs

It was so pretty to look at. I wanted to come here once.
Could we take a tour before heading out ?
Sure, we need to eat and buy some essentials before heading out anyway.
Let's spend night here.
Thanks !
It's pretty cold here even in November
It's about Korea's spring
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So, this is how a Mediterranean hotel looks like ...

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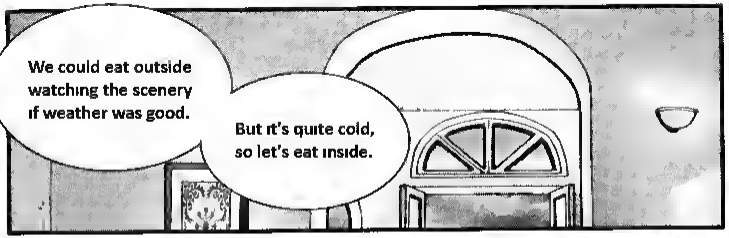
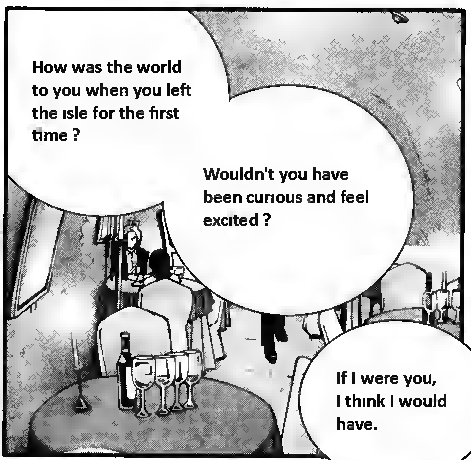

We could eat outside watching the scenery if weather was good.
But it's quite cold, so let's eat inside.

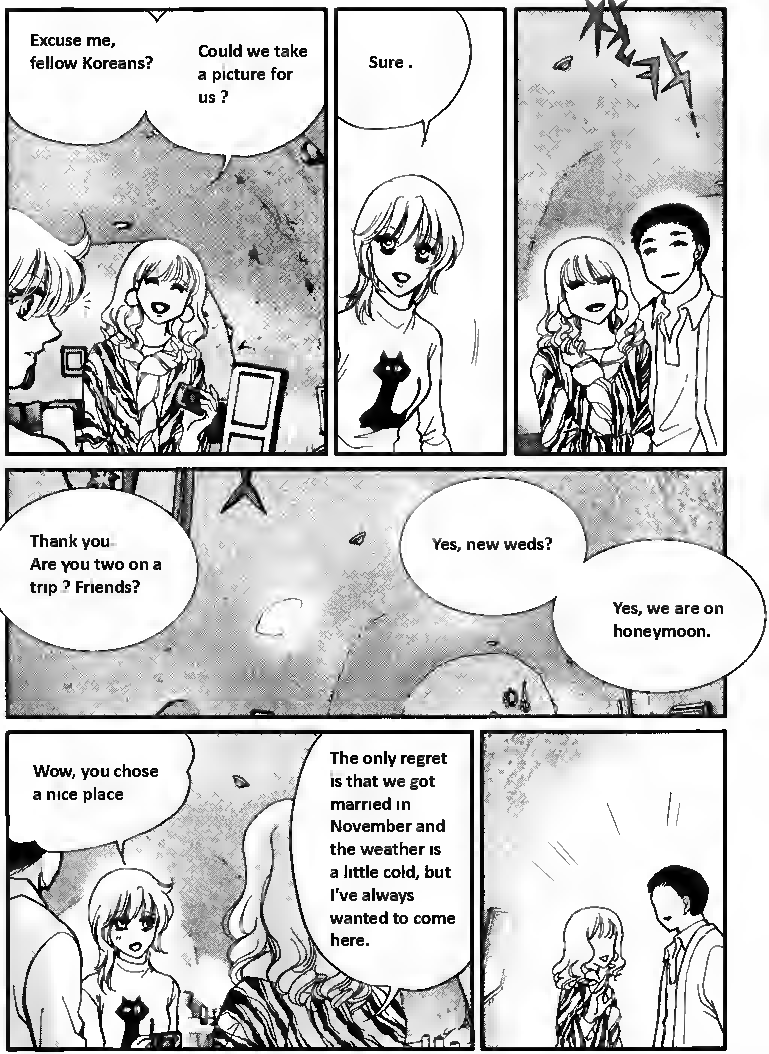
When I go back to Korea after having spent days like this, I wonder if my days will be boring and miserable.

Well ...
Maybe, maybe not. It depends on how you look at it.

... Yeah ?


How was the world to you when you left the isle for the first time ?
Wouldn't you have been curious and feel excited ?
If I were you, I think I would have.

Don't you think so ? I know you looked at the internet and all.
But pictures and the real thing must be different.
... You think so ?
You think so, huh.
I guess so.
It's been fun ever since I left there.
Yeah ... ?


Excuse me, fellow Koreans?
Could we take a picture for us ?
Sure .
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Thank you Are you two on a trip ? Friends?
Yes, new weds?
Yes, we are on honeymoon.
Wow, you chose a nice place
The only regret is that we got married in November and the weather is a little cold, but I've always wanted to come here.

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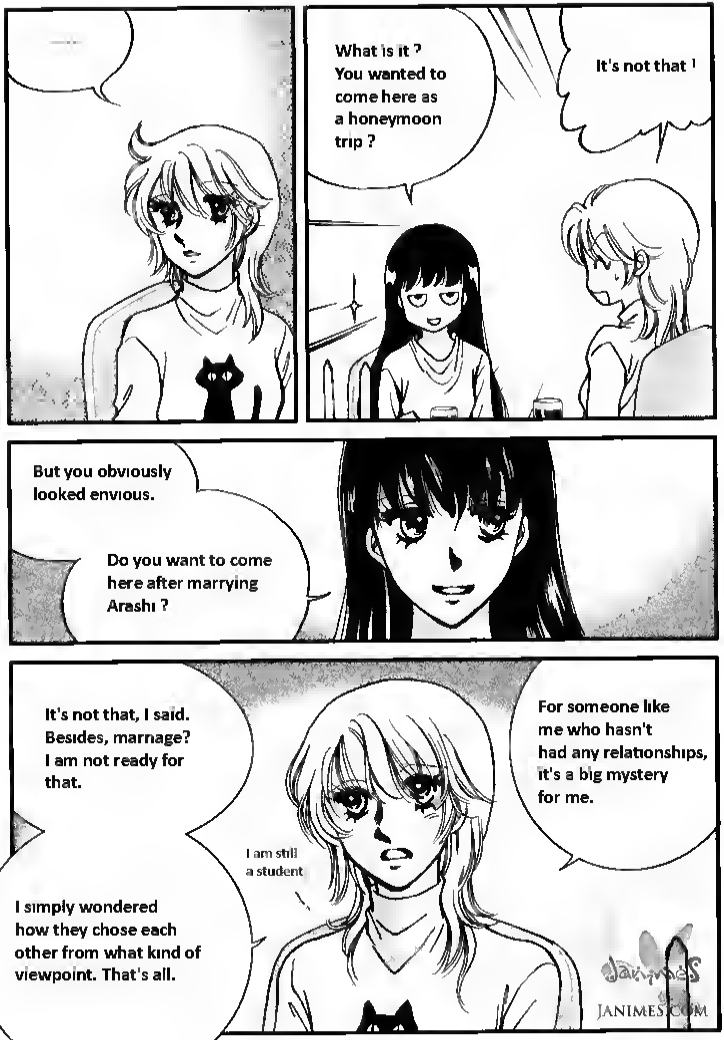
What is it ?
You wanted to come here as a honeymoon trip ?
It's not that !
But you obviously looked envious.
Do you want to come here after marrying Arashi ?
It's not that, I said. Besides, marriage? I am not ready for that.
I am still a student
For someone like me who hasn't had any relationships, it's a big mystery for me.
I simply wondered how they chose each other from what kind of viewpoint. That's all.
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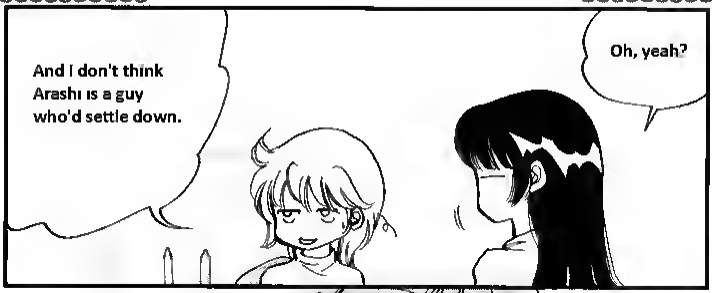

Even so, even for a guy like him would eventually settle down, I think.

I wonder who he will settle down with in the end ...

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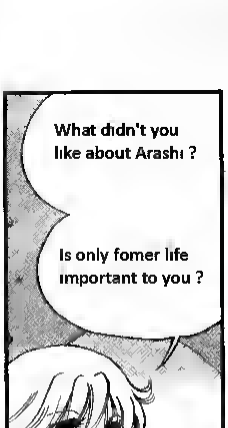
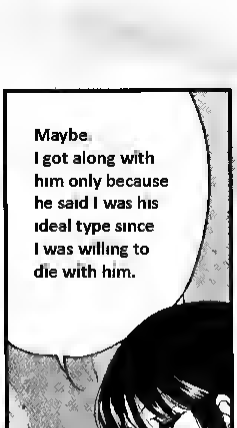
Thinking like this...
I realized I wasn't anything to him.

Sadly, that's the truth.





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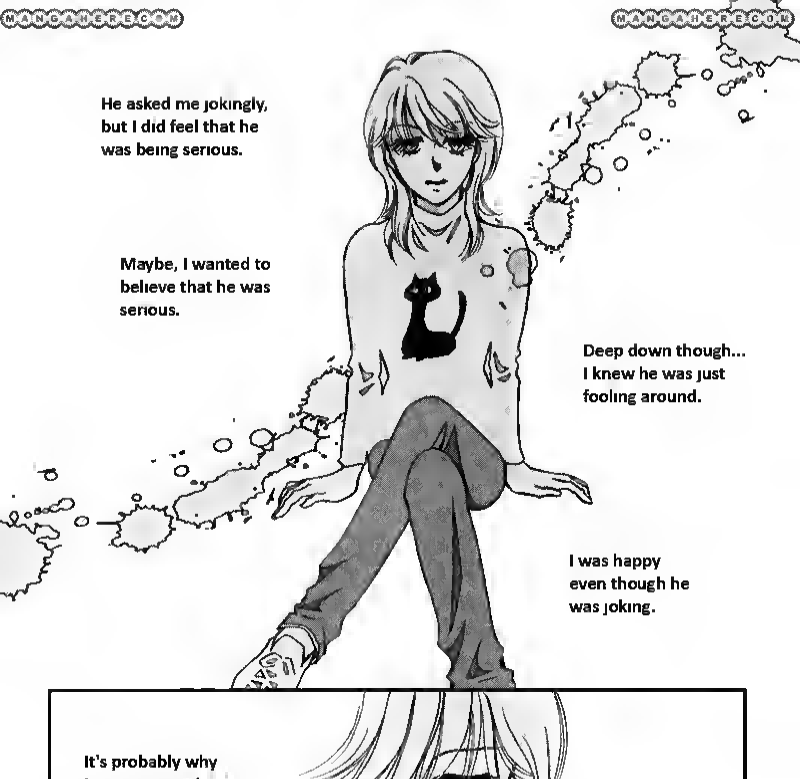
He asked me jokingly, but I did feel that he was being serious.
Maybe, I wanted to believe that he was serious.
Deep down though... I knew he was just fooling around.
I was happy even though he was joking.

Why and how did begin ?

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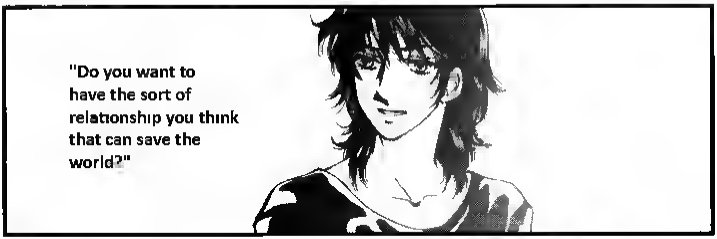

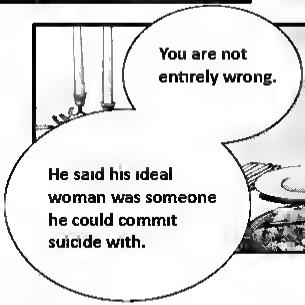

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Sometimes people make choices without fully realizing why.
And never really quesiton their choices.
She told me this before ...
Of course, I am not implying that good results are expected from such decisions.
My point is that there may be more weight to such a decision.
To boost the odds, you also like him, no ?

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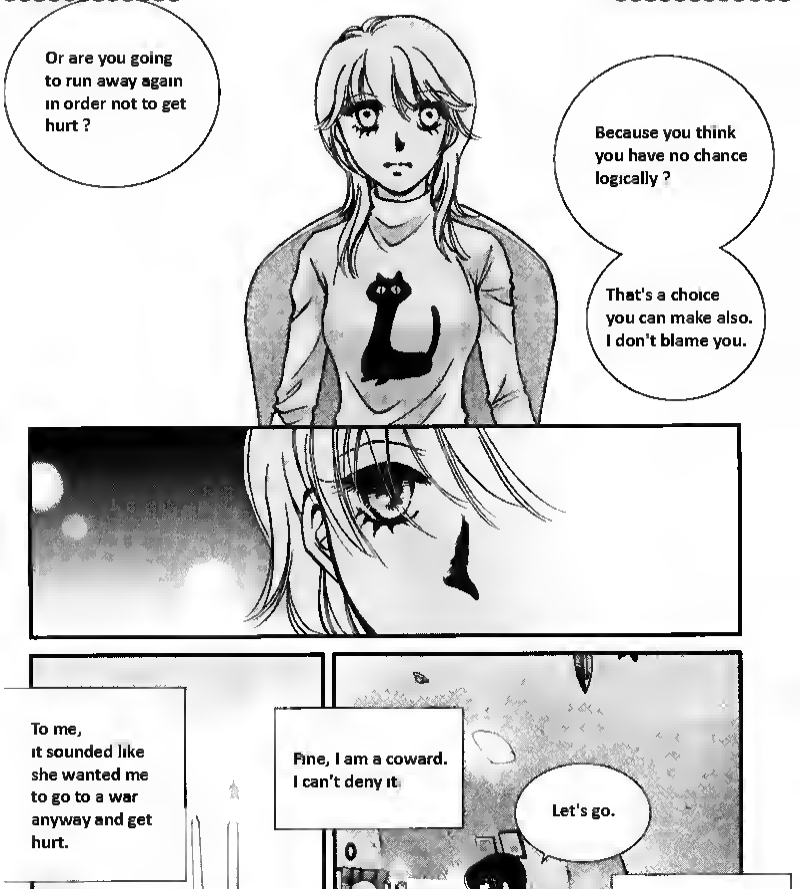
Or are you going to run away again in order not to get hurt ?
Because you think you have no chance logically ?
That's a choice you can make also. I don't blame you.
To me, it sounded like she wanted me to go to a war anyway and get hurt.
Fine, I am a coward. I can't deny it.
Let's go.
But I do also like him.

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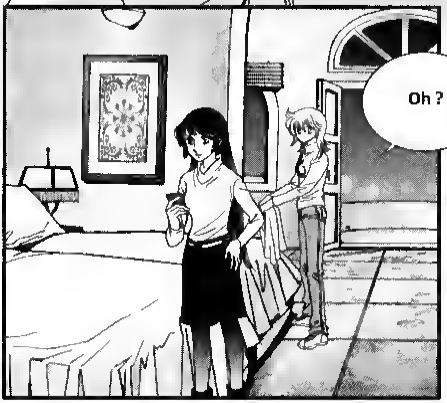
I guess it is unrealistic to expect unconditional affection that you see from drama and manga.



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AH - !
Can I use your phone to call my mom and work ?!

Like I care.

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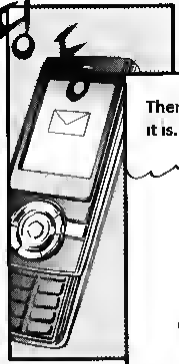

There it is.

What ?!
"About a week" ?!
About? She's not even sure !

She can do that I suppose, but Sera ?!

Is this going to be fine with her ?!

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She's strange...
Too strange ...
Hard to take serious but sometimes she speaks serious with a joking tone.
"I want you to hate me..."
She said I'd have dreams of the past and I really did. She was even correct about what I dreamed.
For dreams, it felt just too real.
I do feel that perhaps I should consult her about it ..

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I may not see her again and that's making me feel a little uneasy ...

Did I grow some affection?

Yeah, I will talk to her about it and tell her that former life has no bearing in this life or something.

If that doesn't work, I am going to recommend her a shrink.

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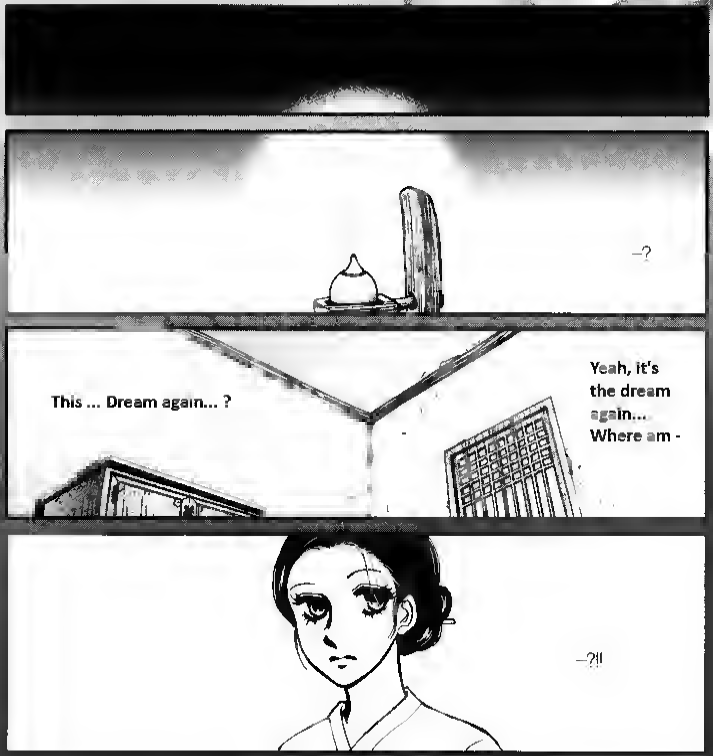
If I met her without this former life stuff, I might have actually gotten closer to her ...



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"I love you..."

The dream didn't raise any questions and the whole scene made me feel at ease.

I actually wanted to sleep having that dream over and over.

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"I love you..."

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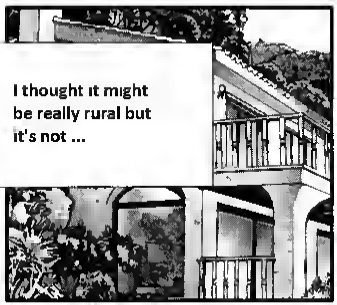

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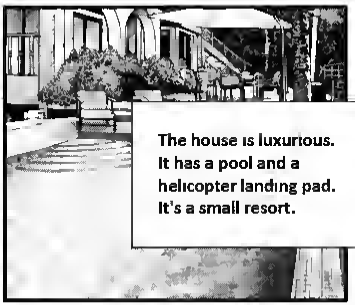

The house is luxurious. It has a pool and a helicopter landing pad. It's a small resort.

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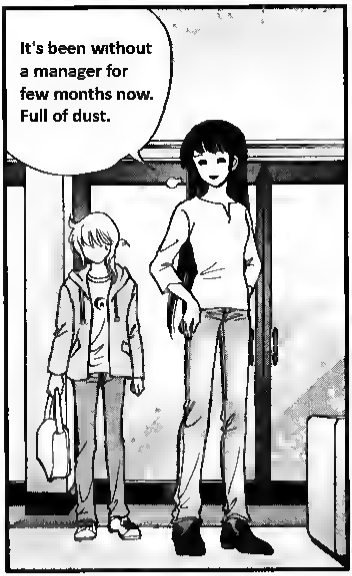

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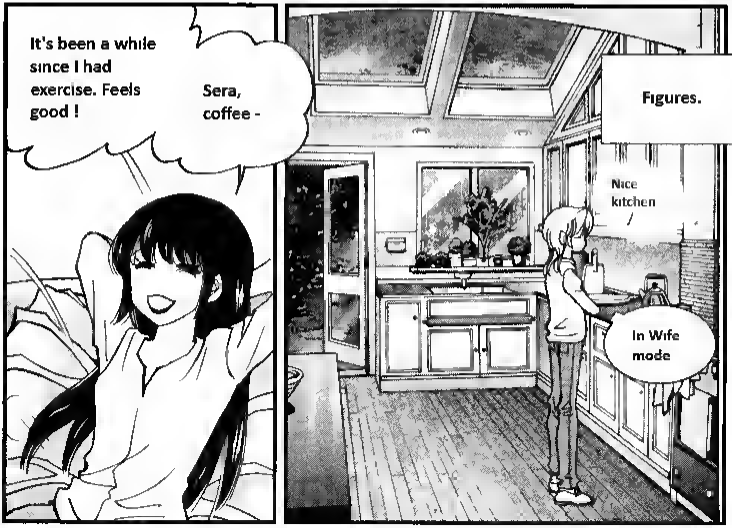

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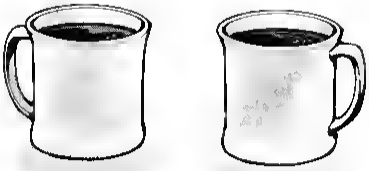

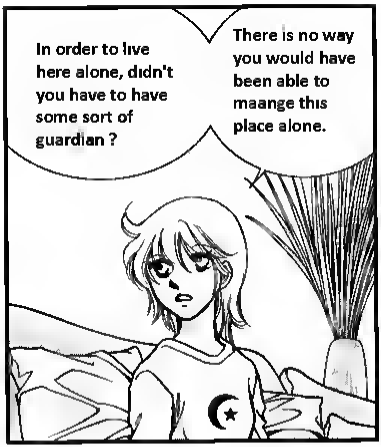
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There is no way you would have been able to maange this place alone.

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It feels good to be back
I spent a long time here after all.
I visited here before heading to Korea, so actually it has not been that long. Still, it feels different this time.
It's been a long time since I felt like this.
Actually,
I kept on getting shocked by every sentence she was saying.
Even though, given her situation, it was perfectly valid for her to say so.

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Little things she say ...
It just keeps getting in my head ...

Because of the blood incident, I thought she might have been a vampire and so on ...

But there has been this one question ...

That has been bothering me ever since ...

Seol Hui ...

I am just going to ask you one question ...

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